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Sheriff may lose special patrols

by Shirley D. Schmoock,
Special Writer

Michigan law says the "Sheriff has the responsibility to respond and provide for the law and order needs of citizens within incorporated or chartered local government jurisdictions."

In Crawford County, "responding to the needs of the citizens" seems to have become too expensive for the county budget.

"Although Michigan county sheriffs are charged with the constitutional responsibility of overseeing the county jail and serving court papers, today's sheriffs manage army, navy and air force functions as

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**Professor Lynn Harvey
Michigan State University**

evidenced by marine, ATV, snowmobile, road and fixed wing aircraft patrols," stated Michigan State University Professor Lynn Harvey in a presentation to the Michigan Association of Counties — Winter Legislative Conference in Lansing. The laws determining mandated vs. non-mandated services may win in Crawford County. Budget problems may mean no more special services like marine, river, and other special, but non-mandatory, patrols.

Special grants have been awarded to Crawford County to subsidize such patrols in the past, but the money received to fund special units is inadequate to cover them completely. The demand for more service continues to outpace the funds currently made available through special means.

As an example to what these numerous patrols cover, note that:

Animal Control handled 843 incidents and the Off-road Vehicle Patrol took on 69 snowmobile incidents in 1997. The Marine Division for the county inspected 14 liveries, and approved 848 vessels for rental while disapproving 113. These inspections netted \$1,696 for the year. Funding these operations, however, cost the county thousands more.

Marine Unit Officers speak to schools, and others, to promote boater safety.

An additional 456 boats were inspected for safety. The AuSable and Manistee Rivers, as well as Lake Margrethe, are routinely patrolled by these same officers. Marine officers wrote 160 marine tickets and warnings, and many verbal warnings were given to errant boaters.

Marine patrol officers made 7,130 personal contacts and the river patrol made 3,236 contacts.

The law of mandated vs. non-mandated services has won the budget battles in nearly all 83 counties in Michigan. In 1990, General Fund revenues in Michigan exceeded expenditures but, exactly the oppo-

site is now true for almost every county in the state.

"While it may appear to the casual observer that recent increases in county SEVs translates into substantial increases in property tax revenue, the required constitutional rollback of millage rates under the

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Michigan Law

Headlee provision has meant that property tax revenue has only increased approximately three to four percent in the last couple of years," said Professor Harvey.

Data for all Michigan counties show that law enforcement budgets accounted for 22 to 35 percent of the General Fund revenues. Crawford County straddled the higher percentage, 35 percent, for 1997.

The percentages went even higher when Central Dispatch-911 added nearly \$285,000 to the law enforcement expense ledger. The surcharges added to local phone billings generate about \$55,660 for the operation of 911, but this is considered a compensating but non-equal revenue stream.

What gives further distortion to local law enforcement budget figures is that, of ten area counties sur-

veyed, all but three — Crawford, Antrim, and Oscoda — have a sizable contingent of State Police patrolling their roads. However, the State Police make extensive use of the county's 911 services while paying a small equipment charge that will no longer be due after this budget year is ended.

Another factor is that many of the counties included in the comparison have several city and/or township law enforcement departments which supplement the county patrol ranks.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Department is supplemented only by the City of Grayling, which is covered by a five-person force plus a police chief.

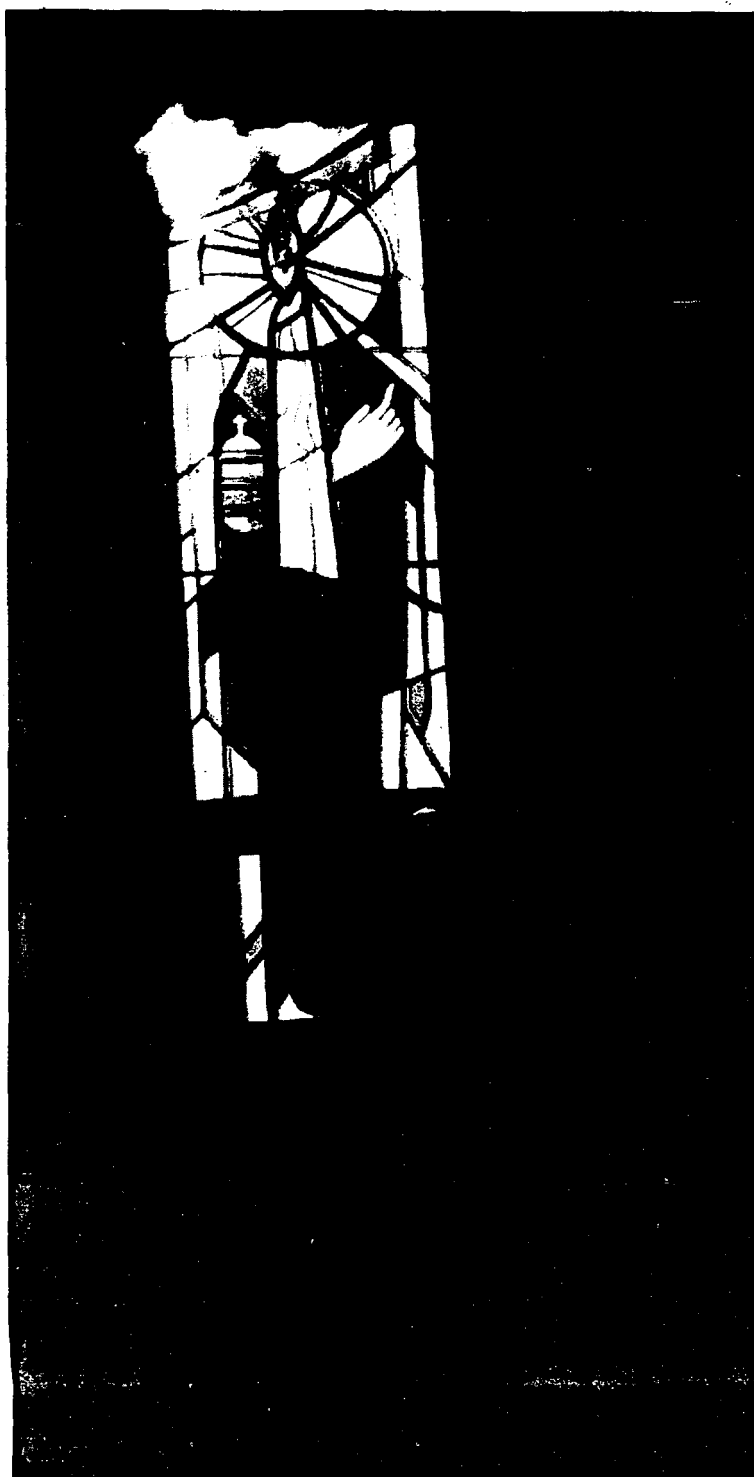
The county currently needs \$100,000 to maintain the manning of a 24-hour patrol. But, first, the sheriff must cut \$360,000 from the budget, so the 24-hour patrol may soon be discontinued.

Crawford County constitutes 360,320 acres, 70.3 percent of which is state or federal land. Law Enforcement incidents recorded in 1997 totaled of 6,289. Over 5,750 occurred in the townships. Grayling Township accounted for 2,816 of them. In declining order, miscellaneous infractions were:

Frederic	720
Grayling	687
Beaver Creek	548
South Branch	402
Maple Forest	323
Lovells	262

Discussion is now ongoing regarding eliminating an entire shift of

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McFarlane sentenced in school break-in

by Cheryl A. Ruley
Staff Writer

Michael J. McFarlane appeared before the Honorable Judge Francis Walsh on April 7 for sentencing as a result of his plea of guilty for his involvement in the Grayling Middle School break-in, discovered Feb. 15.

McFarlane was arrested on Feb. 20 by the Grayling City Police, appeared before Judge Walsh on March 3 where he waived his right to a preliminary hearing, and was bound over to 46th Circuit Trial Court for sentencing.

Judge Walsh sentenced the 17-year-old Grayling resident to eight

months in jail, with credit for 52 days time served. He will also serve 24 months probation and pay \$2,500.95 in fines.

Included as part of the fines McFarlane will pay is \$1,015.95 in restitution, \$465 Attorneys' fee, \$480 for supervision, \$300 court costs and \$60 to go to the Crime Victims' Fund. The case has cost the Crawford County taxpayers \$11,027.76.

Juveniles, one male and one female, involved in the break-in have been petitioned to Probate Court and their cases are forthcoming.

Nurse loses licenses for substance abuse

A nurse at Grayling Mercy Hospital recently lost his privilege to practice nursing due to a drug problem.

The Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services (CIS) has summarily suspended both the licensed practical and registered nurse licenses of David Eric Lepsy for diverting narcotics from patients for his personal use.

The CIS Office of Health Services (OHS) orders a Summary Suspension when it believes the public's health, safety and welfare warrants emergency action. Lepsy admitted to the March 1997 charges of signing out, but failing to document administration of three doses of morphine to a patient.

A subsequent investigation by the hospital revealed he also lacked records to prove he administered morphine to 37 of 48 other patients for whom he signed out narcotics. Lepsy resigned his job and volun-

tarily entered the CIS Health Professional Recovery Program which evaluates and monitors licensees with chemical dependency issues.

Lepsy did not comply, however, with several treatment requirements, failing to attend therapy sessions, undergo drug testing or provide a monthly self report.

"Because Lepsy has not shown a willingness to resolve his apparent drug problem, we believe the public could be at risk if he continues working," said OHS Director Tom Lindsay.

"He will have the opportunity to address the suspension at an upcoming administrative hearing," Lindsay concluded.

More information about actions taken by the health professional licensing boards is available on the CIS website under Office of Health Services at:

<http://www.cis.state.mi.us/ohs>

Local insurance agents ponder refund method

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Local auto insurance agents are still not sure as to the method or timing of refunds mandated by state legislation.

The refund, averaging \$180 per vehicle, was approved by the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) after the State House passed legislation giving the go-ahead.

The refund is expected to be issued to insurance companies on or before June 30. The insurance companies will then return the money to policyholders.

Upon surveying insurance agents in the Grayling area, it was found that most companies will opt to refund the money by way of credits given on premium renewals.

Some agents stated that the cost of issuing refund checks to all policyholders would be too costly, causing an excess of paperwork, and end up costing their customers more in the long run.

Policyholders can expect the refund to occur sometime between July 1 and Dec. 31 as the legislation mandates.

\$5,000 reward offered in arson case

by Cheryl A. Ruley
Staff Writer

The Michigan State Police (MSP) Fire Marshall Division is offering a reward of \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of suspects involved in an arson fire that occurred April 8.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Juvenile Violence/Gang Officer, William Bonkowski, reported that a 1988 Ford Bronco was discovered fully engulfed in flames at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Lewiston Grade Road, about three miles off of Old 27 North. Shortly before the fire, the vehicle's owner had reported to the sheriff that he was stuck in the mud.

After the fire was put out by Grayling Township firefighters, the vehicle was checked for evidence of arson.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police (Gaylord) Fire Marshall's Arson Division cooperated with the Crawford County Sheriff's Department in the investigation.

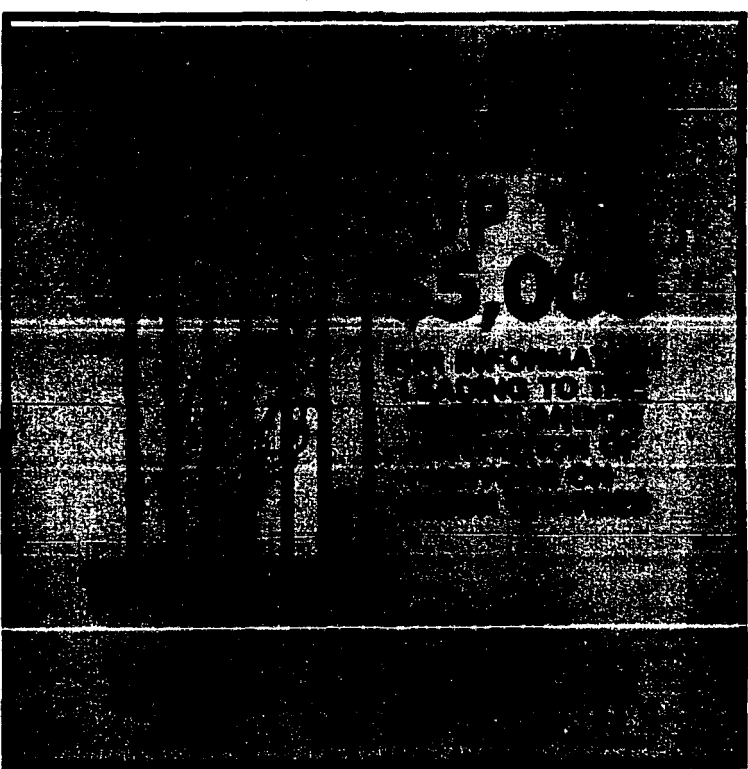
Forensic evidence was gathered and taken to the MSP Lab in Grayling and officials are awaiting test results, but Bonkowski reports that all evidence points to a deliberately set fire.

Officers spoke to witnesses who say they saw a car leaving the scene

containing three people at about the same time the fire became apparent.

The car is described as a 1988 or 89 four-door Pontiac, black or blue in color. The car's front grill is either missing or painted black.

Anyone having information about this or any other suspected arson can call the Michigan State Police Arson Control hotline, toll-free, at 1-800-44-ARSON. All calls are confidential.



Downstater injured in jump from vehicle

by Cheryl A. Ruley
Staff Writer

An unidentified downstate man received severe head injuries after jumping from a moving vehicle last Saturday night.

According to Crawford County Sheriff David G. Lovely, officers responded to a call at approximately 9:30 p.m. reporting a man laying in the roadway in Lovells Township.

Upon arriving at the scene on North Down River Road officers learned that the victim had jumped from a moving vehicle.

Further investigation showed that the victim's brother had been dri-

ving and a friend was a passenger in the front seat.

The victim, who was seated in the back seat, became angered at his brother and suddenly jumped out of the vehicle.

Officers determined that the victim had been drinking.

A North Flight ambulance was dispatched to the scene and the victim was transported to Grayling Mercy Hospital and later transferred to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Sheriff Lovely reports that no foul play is suspected in the incident.

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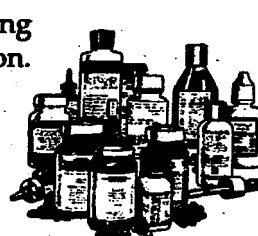
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Help abolish IRS Tax Code by using e-mail or toll-free number

As a part of a monumental grass-roots effort to gather one million signatures on petitions to abolish the IRS Code, Michigan residents can officially register their support for the nationwide crusade without ever leaving their homes.

The 600,000-member National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) is accepting electronic petition signatures for its Campaign to Abolish the IRS Code.

NFIB, the nation's largest small-business advocacy organization, is calling on the president and Congress to sunset the current tax code by Dec. 31, 2000, and proposes a simpler, fairer tax code that

lowers taxes and rewards work and savings.

NFIB will present the signatures to Congress as one million reasons to stop talking about the code and do something about it.

In addition to signing petitions circulated by dozens of volunteers throughout the state, concerned Michigan citizens also can electronically sign a petition through a special Web site or through a toll-free 888 number.

The campaign Web site, <http://www.not4irs.org>, allows users to actually sign up over e-mail. The site also provides instructions for encouraging friends and associates

to sign the petition through e-mail.

Supporters of the campaign also may officially register by calling: 1-888-NOT-4IRS.

"Unlike paying our taxes under the current, complicated seven million word tax code, we want to make it simple for people to sign a petition to sunset the IRS Code," NFIB President Jack Faris said.

"We want the tax code to work for and not against the people. Clearly, our message already has struck a chord with hundreds of thousands of Americans."

Up through April 15, which the NFIB has designated National "It's Our Money, Not THEIRS" Day, the

NFIB has projected that the petition drive will have collected more than 400,000 signatures.

In addition, more than 120 U.S. senators and representatives, including the majority leaders of both houses, have signed a pledge promising to do their best, as legislators, to abolish the current code.

Although NFIB does not promote any single tax reform plan, it does recommend specific steps for public debate, creation of alternative tax plans, public education about new proposals, and a national advisory referendum on a new tax system.

Year 2000 possible computer glitches

by Jennifer Bresnahan
Capital News Service

LANSING — If you're already making plans for a big New Year's Eve party Dec. 31, 1999, to welcome the next century, be extra careful.

With the year 2000 fast approaching, many people are worried that computer glitches may lead to serious problems even for those without the computers.

The entire world faces the "Millennium Time Bomb," said Rep. Lingg Brewer (D-Holt). There's a strong possibility if some systems aren't fixed, many computers will crash at 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2000.

What that could mean is on Jan. 1, 2000, your sprinkler system may start watering your snow-covered yard, your garage door may not open, elevators may shut down and flights may be grounded. You may not even be able to get out of the gated parking lot where you parked your car for the big New Year's Eve 2000 party, Brewer said.

U.S. Rep. Debbie Stabenow (D-Lansing) recently hosted a seminar at Michigan State University to address the Year 2000 computer issue.

Stabenow, a member of a House subcommittee on technology, and a panel of experts urged participants to get computer upgrades before the end of 1998 so they'll have a year to test their systems.

"It's an issue that affects all of us. We want the year 2000 to be a happy time. We don't want the lights to go off."

Most computers automatically assume that the year '98 is 1998. However, computer systems weren't designed with the year 2000 in mind. On Jan. 1, 2000, those computers will assume that '00 is 1900, which can cause big problems for information systems.

The federal government is spending nearly \$4.7 billion to upgrade its systems, and the state of Michigan is spending close to \$56 million to solve the problem.

Gov. John Engler set Dec. 31, 1998, as the deadline for the state to have its computer systems updated, and the effort is on schedule, said Kelly Chesney, director of communications for the Department of Management and Budget. Michigan has about 1,100

computer applications and had 39 percent updated by last December.

"I think we're on target," she said. "We're in good shape."

The state currently has 190 employees dealing solely with the problem.

Mike Hanna, information services manager for Entela Inc. in Grand Rapids, says his company is one of the "lucky ones."

"We are in the process of making sure all of our applications are Year 2000 compliant. But for the most part, it is going to be a pretty easy transition for us."

Most companies and governments at all levels are aware of that problem and already working to prevent their computers from crashing.

However, experts say few recognize the far larger problem: The year 2000 glitch affects not only computers, but also "embedded" systems.

Embedded systems include microprocessors and computer chips built into equipment used in hospitals, environmental testing, nuclear facilities and telecommunications.

"So many things run on computer chips that people don't realize," notes Rep. Brewer.

Engler hailed for signing of 'MIChild'

State Representative Nick Ciaramitaro (D-Roseville), sponsor of Michigan's new low-cost insurance program for the working poor and chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Community Health, commended the Governor for signing the Legislature's version of the MIChild program.

MIChild insures the affordability of comprehensive health insurance to the children of working families in Michigan who are caught in the middle — earning too much for Medicaid eligibility, but too little to pay the high cost of medical insurance for their children.

"I congratulate the Governor on agreeing to the expansion of Medicaid to 16, 17 and 18 year olds whose families earn up to 150% of the poverty level, despite his initial opposition," Ciaramitaro said. "I want to point out the persistence of the two vice-chairs of our subcommittee, Representative Shirley Johnson (R-Royal Oak) and Representative Bob Emerson (D-Flint) on this point," Ciaramitaro said. "Without their advice and support, it would never have happened."

MIChild will provide health care insurance coverage to uninsured children under 19 who live in families with incomes at or below 200% of poverty — but who do not qualify for Medicaid — at a total cost of \$5 per month per family with no co-pays. Ninety percent of the cost will be borne by the federal government.

"This is an historic day for

Michigan's children," Ciaramitaro said.

"No longer will children born and raised in Michigan be held down due to lack of health care. And it is truly a bipartisan effort. Proposed by two Democrats, included in last year's Democratic House version of the Community Health budget, offered by Congressional Democrats, passed by a Republican-controlled Congress and supported and signed by President Clinton, the expansion of medical insurance coverage to the children of middle class families shows what the two parties can do if they set their differences aside and work together."

"MIChild reinforces the notion that investing in our children today leads to a better, more productive, and indeed healthier Michigan down the road," Ciaramitaro said. "Quality health care is as essential to a child's development as quality education. Michigan's laws guarantees that more than 97% of children under 18 will have access to health care, regardless of his or her economic circumstances."

"MIChild is one of the Legislature's most important acts in a generation and I am indeed proud to have been the House sponsor. The bill signing marks not the end of our responsibility, but the beginning. We must insure that parents have the ability to make informed decisions about enrolling their children, that bureaucratic hassles are minimized and that the focus remains on Michigan's children — not election-year politics."

Crawford County won't wait to vaccinate kids

Don't Wait - Vaccinate is this year's theme for National Infant Immunization Week, April 19-25, 1998. District Health Department No. 10 would like to remind parents/caregivers about the importance of immunizing children. Children need 80 percent of their vaccinations in the first 2 years of life to protect them against disease, disability and even death.

When vaccination levels in a community decrease, the risk for disease outbreaks increases. The 1989-1991 U.S. measles epidemic, which killed 120, occurred in underimmunized groups. The germs that cause disease are constantly circulating in our environment. Vaccinations prevent disease from occurring.

Infant immunization is a simple and inexpensive way to protect children from 10 potentially deadly infectious diseases. For every dollar spent on immunization, as many as \$29 can be saved in direct and indirect medical

costs.

In Crawford County, childhood immunization rates are increasing due to the Michigan Childhood Immunization Registry (MCIR). The purpose of MCIR is to create a tracking method for storing reliable information on the immunization status of children in Michigan. This has been made possible through the combined efforts of private physicians and local health departments.

Still, we must push our immunization rates even higher and take proper care of our children," says David C. Nolan, M.D., Health Officer/ Medical Director for District Health Department No. 10. "Vaccines have been proven to be safe and effective and to provide the best protection against infectious disease. We want to ensure the message is clear: Don't Wait - Vaccinate!"

For further information on immunizations, contact District Health Department No. 10 at 348-7800 or your local physician.

Commissioners set budget hearing date

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

With less than a week to make changes to the 1998 budget the Board of Commissioners has set a date for the Public Hearing.

During the April 14 Ways and Means meeting the Board voted to meet on April 28 at 10 a.m. in order to adopt a budget.

Anticipated cuts and those recommended by county auditor Marvin Henderson of Tackman, Anderson Certified Public Accountants are as follows:

Commissioners Confidential Secretary	Cut to part time
Prosecutor's Office	Cut one half-time position
Building and Zoning	Cut one full time position
Dispatch-911	Cut one full time position
Jail	Cut one half-time position
Sheriff's Department	Cut seven positions

The seven expected cuts from the Sheriff's Department include six road positions combined with the following duties: Animal Control, Marine Patrol, River Patrol, Snowmobile and ORV.

Sheriff patrols

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Road Patrol coverage. Not all counties compared for this report have 24-hour road patrolling. In Crawford County, between midnight and 8 a.m., more than 13 percent of all incidents occurred — the majority of them between midnight and 2 a.m.

Of 6,289 incidents reported and/or investigated by the Sheriff's Office, 13 percent would equal 817 incidents. In 1997, 113 accidents occurred around midnight in Crawford County. There were 141 prisoners lodged in the jail for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) — most arrested during the hours of darkness.

It is evident, that as the local resources shrink, the criminal activity does not.

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State House considers background checks for adult care facilities workers

by Kellie Tompkins
Capital News Service

Elderly people living in nursing and adult foster care homes should be cared for by staffs who do not have criminal records.

Rep. Lingg Brewer (D-Holt) introduced a series of bills in the House to require criminal background checks on all employees in health facilities, including skilled care nursing homes, adult foster care homes and mental health facilities.

Complaints about widespread thievery in such facilities prompted Brewer to propose the legislation to require licensed elderly-care businesses to examine a new employee's background.

"These bills are designed to help the employer and to help the individual using the service," Brewer said.

The measures allow the state to revoke the license of a nursing home or adult foster care home that knowingly hires a felon or person convicted of a misdemeanor charge of abuse, neglect, theft or criminal sexual conduct within the last 15 years.

Volunteers at such facilities wouldn't be required to have background checks.

Health facility owners have to undergo criminal background checks before obtaining a license. In the past, the state has said nothing about checking employees.

Owners or administrators decide whether to ask applicants to be fingerprinted and checked for criminal convictions.

Workers at the Burcham Hills Retirement center in East Lansing must undergo background checks when they apply, said Executive Director Yvonne Brown.

"I would support legislation to require checks," Brown said. "We have a fragile elderly population. It's our responsibility to protect that population."

Adult foster care homes often don't

run background checks on employees. The homes provide alternative living for elderly people who don't need 24-hour nursing care but want around-the-clock supervision.

Michigan has 4,559 licensed adult foster care homes with a total capacity of 34,318 beds. They can be thousands of dollars cheaper than skilled nursing homes, but unlike nursing homes, they don't accept Medicare and Medicaid payments.

Most of them have fewer than 20 residents and just a few workers.

"I only have two employees," said Wendy Swartz, owner of Columbia Valley Adult Foster Care in Mason. Swartz's mother-in-law and her best friend work for her. They care for six widows who live in their home.

There's no need for criminal background checks, Swartz said, unless she decides to expand her business. "Because I want to provide the best care, I would have background checks done."

But Swartz isn't sure the government should mandate her to do so.

Karen Vines is an aide at the Country Creek Adult Foster Care Home in Mason. The home has one employee per shift for 12 residents. The owner lives off the premises.

"We're not going to abuse our grandmas," Vines said. "That's how I think of these people."

She has worked for Country Creek seven years and wouldn't mind background checks because she is "free and clear."

Police criminal background checks cost \$5 person.

Irma Zuckerberg, acting director for the division of adult foster care in Michigan's Department of Consumer Industry Services, said the agency gets few complaints about abuse in homes.

"A person seeking a license is already required to do a 'good moral character' check, which could involve requesting an applicant to be checked

for criminal convictions," Zuckerberg said.

Right now the state doesn't control how the licensee assesses the employee.

Rep. Brewer wants to change that. "Adult foster care is going to get much bigger by the time baby boomers come along," he said.

A similar bill requiring criminal background checks for individuals hired for the care and custody of children passed the Senate. That

would include all day care workers.

Sen. Michael Bouchard (R-Birmingham) sponsored the bill, but he's frustrated with the slowness of the House to vote on it.

"I've been introducing and re-introducing this bill for six years," Bouchard said. The bill passed the Senate 36-0. It awaits House approval.

Brewer's bills have been parceled out to the House Mental Health and Health Policy committees.

Unemployment tax rate plummets

Michigan's booming economy has not only meant lower employment rates but lower unemployment tax rates for businesses in the state, Governor John Engler said.

"For the third straight year, the average unemployment tax rate for Michigan employers dropped," Engler said. "This is yet another indicator that Michigan's economy is strong and that we are committed to helping keep it that way by lowering business costs wherever we can."

This is the third year in a row that the state has granted a 10 percent cut in unemployment taxes, and last year's estimated average tax rate was the lowest in 22 years.

According to Acting Unemployment Agency Director Jack Wheatley, "We haven't seen a lower average since 1975, when the rate averaged 2.74 percent. For 1997, our preliminary estimate for the average rate is 3.3 percent, down from 3.52 percent in 1996. And the average rate in 1994 (when the average last peaked) is about 35 percent higher than the 1997 average."

Michigan employers pay state unemployment taxes on the first \$9,500 of each employee's earnings. Tax rates normally range from 1.0 to 10.0 percent.

"Because of the good economy and

the strength of our unemployment trust fund, Michigan cut 1998 unemployment taxes by 10 percent for most employers," Wheatley said. "In addition, one of the components that makes up the tax rate formula was also reduced, which cuts taxes even further for some employers. Tax rates this year will range from 0.1 to 8.1 percent."

The Unemployment Agency estimates, that among the nearly 200,000 Michigan employers who pay unemployment taxes, about 22,500 or 11 percent will have the lowest tax rate of 0.1 percent this year. Some 63,800 employers, about 32 percent, will have a rate of 1.0 percent or lower.

"For employers with the minimum tax rate, their unemployment costs will be \$9.50 per employee, which is less than a dollar a month," Wheatley pointed out.

The Unemployment Agency with a staff of 1,500 administers Michigan's unemployment insurance program, which had formerly been part of the Michigan Employment Security Agency. Last year, the state paid out more than \$900 million in jobless benefits to claimants and collected \$1.1 billion in unemployment taxes from employers. The agency is part of the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services.



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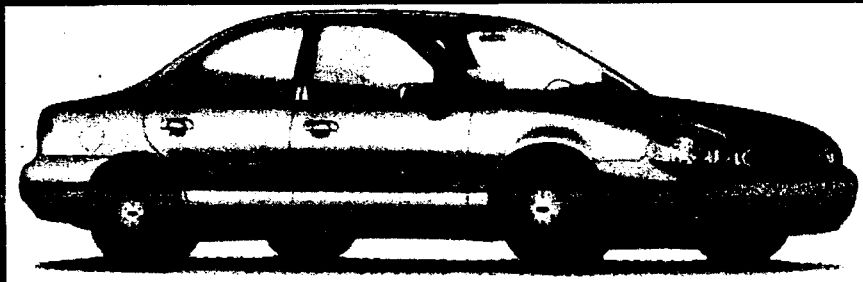
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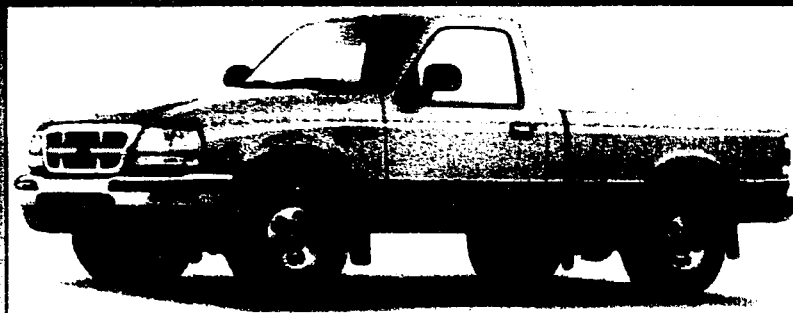
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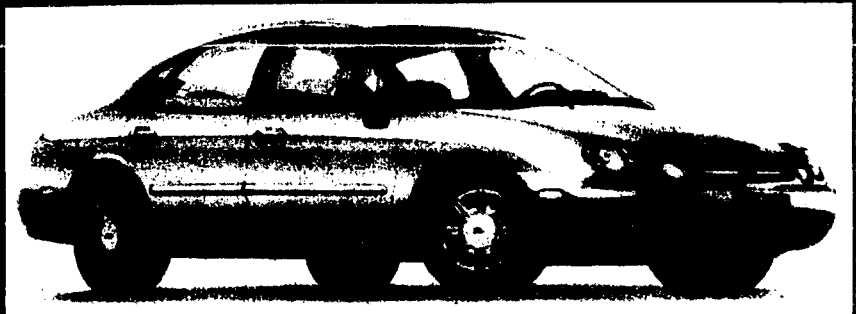
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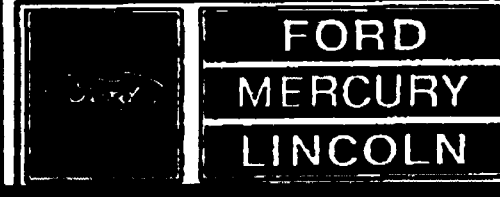
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ALMANACK

by Richard Millman

It might have been Cher in the chair

TIME ONCE more for one of our infrequent strolls, barefoot among the poppurrri...

WINNING WIDOW

Tradition won out in California when widow Mary Bono won a special election to succeed her late husband, Rep. Sonny Bono, as a member of Congress.

Sonny Bono was killed in a skiing accident a few weeks ago. He had been able to surmount his image as an entertainment lightweight, and developed into a pretty good congressman.

Mary Bono's closest competitor for the seat was another television creation, Ralph Waite, who played the father on the long-running TV series, "The Waltons."

It's not unusual for the widow to run for the vacancy when a sitting member of Congress dies. She usually wins, too, and sometimes keeps the seat for years.

Skeptics may wonder what qualifies Mary Bono for one of the highest elective offices in the country — except for the fact that she happened to be married to Sonny Bono when he died.

The short answer is she got the

vices.

Anybody worried about Mary Bono's performance in Congress can relax. If Sonny Bono had been more compatible with an earlier wife, America might have had Cher in Congress.

That could have been a real hoot.

ROLE MODELS

Donna Shalala, secretary of Health and Human Services, was in Detroit the other day, meeting with fifth and sixth graders about the dangers of smoking.

Why do kids smoke, she asked.

Peer pressure, said one. Because it's cool, said another.

And the movies. The students said they had seen a couple of teen heroes — Leonardo DiCaprio and Jim Carrey — smoking in the movies. Those two can be genuine trend setters.

"Well," Ms. Shalala said, "I'm going to call those guys up and tell them not to smoke."

Let us hope her campaign meets with success. As the fifth and sixth graders mentioned, there seems to be a lot of smoking in movies, unnecessary puffing which has nothing to do with either character

or plot development.

Such scenes do indeed tend to elevate smoking. Is there some kind of tobacco company payoff involved? Hmmm. It makes you wonder.

RAREFIED AIR

Speaking of smoking, a move is afoot in Washington to ban smoking in the Senate wing of the U.S. Capitol, one of the few government buildings where smoking is allowed.

Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, one of the anti-smoking zealots, was quoted:

"Senate air is not rarefied. Secondhand smoke does just as much damage in our work place as it does in others."

Maybe more. Doesn't the danger of second hand smoke increase as the temperature of the air rises?

Or is it the other way around?

Or maybe hot air has no effect at all.

Sen. Durbin and his cohorts are right? Why take a chance? Smoke should go.

U.S.S. CARTER

The U.S. Navy is planning to name a submarine after former President Jimmy Carter.

Although other Navy alumni have occupied the White House, Mr. Carter is the only President ever to serve aboard a submarine. A graduate of the Naval Academy in 1946 he served in both the Atlantic and Pacific submarine fleets.

Jimmy Carter is the rare White House alumnus who has distinguished himself more outside of the Presidency than he did while in office.

He makes contributions to the public welfare, big and small — from monitoring national elections in troubled nations or brokering cease-fires, to building shelter for the homeless or rounding up food for the hungry — wherever he can be helpful, and always in a self-effacing and humble manner.

Mr. Carter likely will not rank as one of the country's great presidents, but he is one of the finest ex-presidents in recent history.

He deserves the honor.

Richard Millman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.



MEMORIES OF AN ANCIENT VIKING

by Alf Svensen

Thoughts on budget cuts and pride in community

I am big on love of my Country, and I am proud of her - and you must understand that with the word country I refer not only to the USA or to Norway or to Scandinavians in general - wherever they might reside, but to Michigan and Michiganders - they don't even have to wear the Maize and Blue although it is a plus...and specifically to Crawfordites and Graylingers - whoever they are. In other words - I am big on people who are proud of who and what they are - and what they stand for.

Having said this, let me jump track and pursue another thought...

Some time ago, I saw in this excellent paper a headline which read... "Our County Finances Are Swimming In Red!" or something to that effect. In other words - finances were in deep doo-doo! A situation which invariably blossoms forth with a search for the guilty: definition of just how deep it is...who done it... and punishment of the innocent! A little Tongue-in-cheek but fairly accurate. We all know that it isn't the bean-counters fault, of course, and the commissioners are doing a sterling job so it can't be them - and besides, we were the ones who put them in office...

In the *Avalanche* this week (to you reading this, this week's paper), I find that one of the culprits have been found and will be singled out for punishment...you got that right: our police force! We all expected it, of course - the town has been too quiet and too law-abiding for too long to support such a large contingent of armed constabulary! and watch our judges, you might be next!

According to the paper, let me quote from the auditor's remarks to the Board of Supervisors: "...you can't get up-to-date financial infor-

mation here because the management system is non-existent!" So, when you flunk Financial Accountability 101, you seek to recoup your losses from whatever source comes first to your mind! And since the County Treasurer has managed to cover overspending for years (again quoting), why not let him approach his dying budget with a meatcleaver! 'Whoa, there Nellie!'

It's ever so un-wise to rush in blindly - perhaps this really is where angels fear to tread! - to try to bring order in the fracas. To put it mildly, I think we have arrived at High Noon - time to bring in a new management team, led by Gary Cooper and his seven-shooter! And do call the coroner to take care of the fallen.

The cleansing act ought not begin before there is a competent group leading the charge! Perhaps a mini-election to select such a group ought to precede the surgery...the patient might live after all!

But cutting down the very corps who keep you sleeping soundly at night in an area where summertime brings on throngs of leisure seeking people as well as legions of legions with their ever-lasting convoys, is the very last thing City Fathers ought to have on the menu!

Now - back to the initial topic...people who are proud of who and what they are, and what they stand for. If you are that kind of people, you don't start shooting at the first target you find just because it is a big one and easy to hit. Think! - then begin slowly and deliberately to find a fitting and appropriate solution. Because there is one 'out there' - might even have something to do with taxes or millage? - which doesn't invite shooting oneself in the foot!

Or perhaps that ought to be feet...

EDITOR

House Speaker addresses Catastaphic Claims bills

To the editor,

If you own a car that is insured in Michigan, you most certainly are aware of the voluntary decision by the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association to refund or rebate \$180 per vehicle to you.

My Democratic colleagues and I were extremely pleased with this decision as we had made the refund our top priority this year. Everyone ends up a winner on this one!

While the refund debate generated a tremendous amount of publicity, it was not the only MCCA-related issue in which House Democrats are interested. Last year, the House passed four bills which would significantly reform the manner in which the MCCA operates. Here is a brief summary of each.

HB 4993: This bill would require that the MCCA Board membership be expanded from its current five members, who represent insurance companies, to nine members, with the additional four members representing the general public. The new members, who would be appointed by the insurance commissioner, would have expertise in an area directly related to the MCCA, such as medical cost analysis, which would be of benefit to the board.

HB 4994: This bill would require that the MCCA submit to a performance audit, by the state auditor general, beginning on March 1, 1999 and every four years thereafter. The auditor would be charged with determining whether the MCCA is likely to be able to continue to meet its obligations, and would report his or her findings to the Legislature.

HB 4995 and HB 4996: These bills would require the MCCA to comply with the provisions of both the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act. Both of these acts will "let the sunshine in" on the MCCA's proceedings in that anyone, for any reason, can attend

MCCA meetings, review minutes, check financial statements, etc. These "sunshine laws" have been applied to many areas which involving the spending of your money, and because we all pay this "car tax" when we buy auto insurance, the MCCA should be included in their provisions.

Opponents of these bills will argue that the state has no authority to impose such requirements on the MCCA and its operations. However, I would counter in response that because the Legislature created the MCCA, and because the assessment charged by the MCCA is a mandatory one, that the MCCA should be subject to the same sorts of provisions which various other governmental entities which imposes mandates upon us are.

In other words, because you have to pay an assessment mandated by the state-created MCCA, you should have the right to know how the amount of that assessment, and the business surrounding it, are reached. It's really quite simple.

Clearly, these bills do not hold a candle to the public interest that can be generated by the prospect of an insurance company giving money back to its policyholders. However, they are really very important in the total picture of Michigan's no-fault auto insurance system. I believe that if such provisions were in place right now, the likelihood of the MCCA's surplus accelerating to the level that it is now at would have been diminished considerably.

I urge the Financial Services Committee of the Senate to act on these bills immediately. They will open the MCCA process to the public, which has a right to see how its money is being spent.

Curtis Hertel
Speaker of the House

Time is running out for the Grayling Animal Shelter

To the editor,

In the 1960's and 70's Crawford County had a "dog catcher". The county paid him \$150 per month to house the animals plus a salary to catch them. The animals were chained outside, were shot when their time was up and he buried them there.

The citizens called for change and, in 1977, a non-ending lease was negotiated with the Road Commission for land and the present shelter was built. Not a good shelter, but a start.

An animal control officer was hired and things began to improve.

Then the shelter closed due to lack of county money. Citizens were angry and the shelter was reopened in the following year under the direction of Marge Mathew. Marge tried to improve things, but her goals were misunderstood by county officials who appeared not to care.

Animals lived a little longer and more of them began to find homes, but the shelter remained an easy target for county budget cuts.

In 1991, the commissioners decided to close the animal shelter, again. I knew we could live without animal control but the animals could not live without a shelter.

I set about to find a way to keep the shelter open with the help of a few animal-loving friends. A contract was negotiated with the county and the animal shelter never closed.

Animals are no longer killed just because they've been here up to seven days and 40 shelter dogs are Leader Dog School graduates. Five were sent to Paws With a Cause to be trained for quadriplegics in 1997. Obedience classes are offered to create more "owner friendly" pets. Animal safety and care classes are offered at schools and elderly people can now move into AuSage Acres without having to give up their

beloved pets. An impressive record I'm proud of.

We have a progressive shelter offering more services than many large city shelters.

Last year it cost \$28,169.66 to run the shelter. The county paid less than \$10,000 to help house the strays and abused animals. Adoption fees and generous donations made up the rest.

In 1993, somehow, the non-ending lease was made void and one ending Dec. 31, 1998 replaced it. The Road Commission wants their property back for their own use. The shelter will be homeless. The search for land has been unsuccessful. No one wants an animal shelter in their neighborhood.

This community will not like living without an animal shelter and we all know what will happen to the animals. I have repeatedly asked you to help with our plight, but you don't seem to understand how critical the situation is.

I refuse to believe you don't care because you have been too supportive over the years. We have very little time and only a few have come forward to help. We need a piece of land and all the help we can get to raise funds to erect a decent shelter that will reflect how our community feels about the care our stray and unwanted animals receive.

I do not wish to see our community regress to the day of the "dog catcher" with a gun, but it is no longer my choice. In the words of Mahatma Gandhi, "The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated." I believe this is true of a community, also.

Dixie Lobsinger
Grayling

Public apology

To the editor,

To the people whose lives I affected on April 8, 1998 with my foolish actions. I am deeply sorry for what I have done. Please accept my apology.

Tom Sorenson
Grayling

Historically Speaking



FAMILY OUTING - The Failing sisters enjoy a family day out, around the year 1910, in Crawford County, Michigan. - From left: Beanie Failing Douglas and Laura Failing. - In front, from left: Wilda Failing Wood and Margaret Failing. Photo submitted by Kay Wood.

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BRIEFS

Project Graduation Pancake Supper

A pancake supper to raise money for Project Graduation is planned for Monday, April 20 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Lone Pine Restaurant.

River House Volunteer Luncheon

A Volunteer Recognition Luncheon and Candle Lighting Ceremony will be held Saturday, April 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Church located at 2936 E. Higgins Lake Drive, Higgins Lake.

Registration for youth 4-H Garden Club

Boys and girls in kindergarten and up can sign up for the 4-H Garden Club and learn the how to grow flowers, vegetables, herbs and fruits from seed. Cost is \$10 and meetings will be held on Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. beginning April 23 and ending Aug. 27. Registration and the first meeting will be held at the 4-H office in the basement of the courthouse. Please register by April 20. For more information call 344-3264.

Hospice offers grief tele-conference

Hospice of Michigan is offering a tele-conference, *Living with Grief: Who We Are, How We Grieve*, moderated by Cokie Roberts of ABC News, on April 22 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Kirtland Community College.

This conference is designed to provide health care professionals, bereaved families, social workers, clergy and other caregivers and educational forum to hear a panel of experts discuss the ways culture, spirituality, age and gender affect the ways we experience loss and express grief.

For further information call Cindy Witkowski at (517) 275-6028.

Lake Michigan Lighthouse Tour

Kirtland Community College is offering a summertime trip opportunity that will take place along the shore of Lake Michigan. The event begins on Friday, June 12 with an evening reception and workshop. On Saturday, June 13 participants will board a charter bus and begin the actual trip, viewing the four featured lights: Manistee North Pierhead, Ludington North Pierhead, Big Sable Point and Little Sable Point. Costs are: \$75, regular; \$63.75, senior; \$67.50, attend with a friend; \$63.75 group. Registration must be completed by May 29. To sign up or for more information call 517-275-5121, ext. 210. Fee covers the reception, workshop, bus and a box lunch.

Driver Education applications, fee due

Students wishing to take driver education this summer through the Crawford AuSable School District must return their application and \$50 non-refundable fee to Mr. Howard Lehti at Grayling High School by April 17. Checks should be made payable to: Crawford AuSable School District.

Pruning Clinic at Wellington Farm Park

A Fruit Tree Pruning and Grafting Seminar will be held, free of charge, on April 18, beginning at 9 a.m., at the Wellington Farm Park Visitor Center, 6940 S. Military Road. For more information call toll-free 1-888-653-3276.

Habitat for Humanity open meeting

Habitat for Humanity is having an open meeting at 6 p.m. April 19 at the Free Methodist Church.

Donors desperately needed in Michigan

National Organ & Tissue Awareness Week

There is a desperate shortage of organs in Michigan.

According to the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, anyone who is 18 or older may become an organ donor when he or she dies. (Minors may become donors with parent's or guardian's consent.)

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM) has issued a challenge to citizens to sign organ donor cards, from April 20-26, during National Organ and Tissue Awareness Week.

Over 38,000 Americans are waiting for new kidneys and thousands more need a heart, liver, lung or pancreas transplant to survive. In addition, cornea and other tissue

transplants improve the quality of life for those in need.

Organ donation does not interfere with customary funeral arrangements or alter the body's appearance. All major religions support organ and tissue donation and consider it the ultimate charitable gift.

When one donates their organs, they are matched with people on the national waiting list according to blood and tissue type and medical need.

You can join the challenge to sign the donor cards and save lives. Contact the NKFM and request a free donor card.

A decision to donate one's organs

Lowe co-sponsors resolution to allow public prayer

Because Michigan residents deserve the right to practice religion on public property, state lawmakers are asking the U.S. Congress to ensure such freedom.

House Concurrent Resolution 94, co-sponsored by state Rep. Allen Lowe, urges Congress to propose a constitutional amendment recognizing a person's right to practice religion on public property. The amendment would then go to the states for ratification.

"The founding fathers never meant for us to become a nation where government is against any public observance of faith," said Lowe (R-Grayling). "In a sad attempt to be politically correct, we prohibit religious expression even when it doesn't encourage or force anyone to

participate."

Lowe said freedom of religion is a cornerstone of the United States. Throughout its history, people have come here to worship as they see fit.

"Students should be free to pray in schools, and people should worship in public if they so choose," Lowe said. "As long as the practice does not infringe on the rights of others, it is an inalienable right our founders fought to preserve."

"As a father of five, I want to restore those freedoms for my children and their children. I want them to live in a country where liberty still exists."

Copies of the resolution will be sent to President Bill Clinton, House Speaker Newt Gingrich and members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

Hospice of Michigan to host 'Living with grief'

On Wednesday, April 22, Hospice of Michigan will join 2,000 organizations across the United States and Canada as a local host for the Hospice Foundation of America's fifth annual National Bereavement Teleconference. "Living with Grief: Who We Are, How We Grieve", a live-via-satellite video teleconference, will explore how such factors as culture, spirituality, gender and age influence the experience of loss and the expression of grief.

The program will be moderated by Cokie Roberts of ABC News and will feature a distinguished panel of experts.

The teleconference is produced by Hospice Foundation of America, a nonprofit organization established to assist those who cope either personally or professionally with terminal illness and the process of death, grief and bereavement.

Last year's teleconference was seen by more than 150,000 people in over 2,000 communities.

"Loss touches us all," said Jack D. Gordon, President of the Hospice Foundation of America. "Grief is a universal condition and at the same time an intensely individual process. In an increasingly diverse society, it is essential that hospices and other beliefs

affect the grieving process.

Ms. Roberts will moderate the two-and-one-half-hour panel discussion. The panel will include Ronald K. Barret, Ph.D., a professor of psychology at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles who specializes in the study of cross-cultural differences in death and dying; Kenneth J. Doka, Ph.D., Lutheran minister and professor of gerontology at the College of New Rochelle; Bernice Catherine Harper, M.S.W., Msc.P.H., L.L.D., with the Health Care Financing Administration, well known in the field of long-term care; Patricia Murphy, R.N., Ph.D., F.A.A.N., clinical specialist in ethics and bereavement at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center; and Bradley Stuart, M.D., Hospice Medical Director for VNA and Hospice of Northern California.

Hospice of Michigan will co-host the teleconference in Gaylord with Otsego Memorial Hospital, in the hospital classroom; in Roscommon with Kirtland Community College, in the Continuing Education Building; and in Alpena in the Educational Service District Building.

The teleconference will begin at 1:30 p.m., with a thirty minute follow-up discussion following the two-and-one-half-hour broadcast. CEUs are available for nursing and social work.

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FRI 17	•ATTEND A FISH FRY of your choice today.
SAT 18	•VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON @ St. Elizabeth's Church, Higgins Lake, 11 am - 2 pm, for more information call 348-3169
SUN 19	•ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 20	•CRAWFORD COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY meeting @ Mercy Hospital, Private Dining Room 4 to 6 pm. •KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon.
TUES 21	•GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •ADD/ADHD PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP meeting @ GMS, 7-9 pm. Call 348-7641 ext. 527/528 for more info.
WED 22	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

Safety Saturday is Saturday, April 18 at 11 a.m. at the Crawford County Library.

Tim Coe of the Sheriff's Department will be at the library with McGruff the Crime Dog. Steve Doyle of the Fire Department will visit with Fire Pup and Larry Allwardt of the DNR will bring Smokey the Bear.

Renewal pictures for Kid Care I.D. Kits will be available. Kid Care I.D. Kits are donated by Kiwanis of Grayling.

Bring your own camera for pictures with the mascots.

A film strip on bicycle safety and crafts will round out the program.

For more information, call 348-9214.

Crawford County Library is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12;

Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12, Saturday, 12 to 3 p.m. Phone is 348-9215.

The Frederic Community Library is open Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Phone is 348-4067.

Correction

In the April 9 issue of *The Avalanche* an error was made in the story regarding Harold Golnick joining the county commissioner's race.

Mr. Golnick is currently 1st Vice Commander and a Past Post Commander of Post 106 American Legion.

He is a member of the Carl W. Borchers Post 3736 V.F.W., however, he is not Past Post Commander.

We apologize for any confusion this error may have caused.

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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Meekness

Jesus Christ said in Matthew 5:5: "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." This is found also in the Old Testament. (Psalms 37:11) "But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." These truths seem diametrically opposed to the naturalistic theories of evolution and the ways of this world system. Meekness is generally viewed as an undesirable weakness. Webster's Unabridged Second Edition Dictionary gives the following definition of the word meek: "1. Patient and mild; not inclined to anger or resentment. 2. (a) Tamely submissive; easily imposed on; (b) too submissive; spineless; spiritless. 3. Gentle or kind."

Now let us examine meekness in the Bible (Numbers 12:3) "(Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)" Moses is perhaps the strongest leader of the ancient world. (Deuteronomy 34:10) "And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face." Yet, his anger caused him to kill an Egyptian and spend 40 years in exile before God called him to free his people from slavery in Egypt. Moses was

not spineless or spiritless. God used him to lead the nation of Israel for 40 years across the desert. Moses showed no signs of physical weakness even in old age. (Deuteronomy 34:7) "And Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated." The Bible meekness of Moses was the greatest of human power submitted to God's control and purpose.

The meek shall eventually inherit the earth because they are God's favored people. (Psalms 149:4) "For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation." (Psalms 147:6) "The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground." God will not only protect the meek, He will fill them with joy. (Isaiah 29:19) "The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel." The Messiah was prophesied to preach the gospel to the meek. (Isaiah 61:1). God's people are called to seek the virtue of meekness. (Zephaniah 2:3) "Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be

ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger."

God, the greatest person in the entire universe, is meek. (Matthew 11:28-29) "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (29) Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." The apostle Peter encouraged us to become Christ-like by having "...a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." (1 Peter 3:4)

This world system honors those who are conceited, arrogant, bold, assertive. Only people of faith will be meek and trust God for His blessings now and for future victory.

Pastor "B"

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FOUR GENERATIONS -- An Easter gathering created the opportunity to photograph four generations of Lobsinger family descendants. Pictured in front, from left: Jane Trenary, Gertrude Lobsinger (great-grandmother), Kaylee-Jane Kreger and her mother, Lisa Kreger. Seated behind them is Lisa's sister, Nicole Trenary.

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Worship God at your chosen house of worship each week and pray regularly each day. A day hemmed with prayer rarely ravel.

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Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School... 9:30 am
Morning Worship... 10:30 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children... 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament... 10 am
Sunday School... 11 am
Primary... 11 am
Priesthood... 12 noon
Relief Society... 12 noon

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Wednesday... 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Robert Faber
710 Spruce Street
348-5224
Sunday School... 9:15 am
Sunday Worship... 10:30 am
Nursery is available

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Patricia Fowler
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.
P.O. Box 1188
Church School... 9:45 am
Preaching... 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer... 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study... 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nally, J.V., Pastor
700-708 Peninsular • 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist

Saturday Vigil... 5 pm
Sunday Mass... 8 am
Family Mass... 10:30 am
Sunday Family Bible Study/Sharing... 9:30 am
Daily Masses... 9:30 am
Wednesday & 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday... 8:30 am
Daily Worship
Sacrament of Reconciliation, one hour prior to Saturday Vigil Mass, or by appt.

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study... 7 pm

Calvary Baptist church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 10:30 am
Evening Worship... 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday... 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)... 7 pm

Church of Christ
Larry Turner, Minister
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-4388
Sunday Classes... 10:30 am
Sunday Worship... 11:15 am
Sunday Evening... 6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study... 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School... 9 am
Sunday Service... 10 am

The Church of Christ with the Elija Message
Pastor John E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday Worship... 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service... 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325
Sunday School... 10 am
Sunday Worship... 11 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening... 7 pm

Grayling Baptist church
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Pastor Terry Colby
Meeting at Hanson Hills • 348-2557
Sunday School... 9:45 am
Morning Worship... 11 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Wednesday Service... 7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(616) 258-3448
Sunday School... 10 am
Worship Service... 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday... 7 pm

Lovelis Chapel
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey
Sunday School... 10 am
Chapel Service... 11 am
Wednesday Prayer Meeting... 7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor
6652 W. Kalkaska Rd. (M-72 W.) • 348-5362
Sunday School... 10 am
Morning Service... 11 am
Evening Service... 6 pm
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday)... 7 pm

Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran-Missouri Synod
Rev. Paul Boerger, Pastor
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Sunday School & Bible Study... 9 am
Sunday Worship... 10:30 am
Tuesday Weekday School... 5 pm
Wednesday Bible Study... 9 am
Thursday Women's Bible Study... 9 am

St. Francis Episcopal
Rev. Robert Henley
M-72 West - Office 348-5850
Sunday Holy Eucharist... 8:30 & 10:30 am
Morning Praise... 10:30 am
(the second Sunday of each month)
Adult Sunday School... 9:30 am
Children's Sunday School... 9:30 am
Sunday nursery provided... 10:30 am
Adult Choir Practice (Wednesday)... 6:45 pm

St. Martins Ev. Lutheran (Wels)
Herbert R. Filter - Pastor
For information call 275-5443
Services held at the Roscommon Community Center. Sunday mornings at 9 am, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI.

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor James Durfee
2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School... 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship... 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship... 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study... 7 pm

Unity of Gaylord
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Sunday Services... 10:30 am
Sunday School... 10:30 am

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"A" Honor Roll

Ninth Grade
Holzbauer, Jessica
McNamara, John
Petrie, Joshua
Saladine, Sonya
Stepp, Michelle

"B" Average or Above

Ninth Grade
Abfalter, Jessica K.
Bobenmoyer, Marcus
Burkett, Levi
Cadeau, Carrie
Collen, Jason
Cooper, George
Corwin, Daniel
Cox, Brandon
D'Amour, Michael
Earls, Nicollette
Ellis, Miranda
Everson, Nathan
Fagan, Monique
Fisher, Angela
Fox, Emily
Gassman, Laura
Golnick, David
Gorski, Bradley R.
Gregorich, Derek
Harland, James
Harney, Tabitha
Hunt, Rachel
Hunt, Rebecca
Jansen, Paul
Knapp, Lindsey
Knepper, Nathalie
Mahaffy, Ryan
Maples, Kira
Mead, Daniel
Meyer, Meghan
Miller, Rachel
Mills, Buffy A.
Moon, Michael
Myers, Joshua
Nettleton, Annette
Neuberger, Justin
Niederer, Danielle
Niederer, Heidi
Outman, Danielle
Peever, Tina M.
Peters, Christopher
Pilon, Joseph
Pooley, Sean
Potter, Heather
Potter, Jayme
Pratt, Michael
Quick, Derek D.
Ritter, Brandy
Rose, Jeffery
Ross, Nathan
Royston, Lance K.
Ruley, Kimberly T.
Salyers, Michelle
Schreiner, Max
Seifert, Gwen
Thomas, Joyce
Tubbs, Timothy
Wakeley, Emily
Wheeling, Jennifer
Willette, Joshua A.
Wolcott, Arica

"A" Honor Roll

Tenth Grade
Black, Bethanie
Latusek, Michael
Price, Amie
Schoen, Allison
Trudgeon, Raymond

"B" Average or Above

Tenth Grade
Adloff, Dawn
Armstrong, Terah M.
Bale, Laura
Boerger, Michael R.
Boreo, Jason
Brinks, Eric
Capuano, Joseph G.
Casey, Ryan
Cassell, James
Cragg, Matthew
Davis, Colby G.
Elmy, Andrea
Englund, Heidi
Evon, Matthew
Ferrigan, Jessica
Fortino, Amanda
Frankina, Adria
Gabriel, Brandon
Haskel, Jonathan
Hellebuyck, Carolyn
Hellebuyck, Heidi
Hinkle, Nathan
Johnson, Sara A.
Kenney, Sara
Knapp, Adam
Kolka, Andrea M.
Kosloski, Kimberly
Kustra, Monica
Legg, Teresa J.
Lewis, Brandi
Madsen, Kane
Makowski, Nick
McClain, Brandi
McClain, Melanie
McGuire, Sarah
Medeiros, Misty
Minshall, Jennifer P.
Mitchell, Matthew
Nickert, Nicholas
Ormsbee, Timothy
Papendick, Cheryl
Pappas, Michael N.
Pavey, Carter
Paxton, Melanie J.
Porter, Lindsay
Ruark, Tiffany
Safin, Eric
Savoy, Krystal A.
Scott, Erin
Snider, Elizabeth
Stephenson, Michelle
Stevenson, Amy
Sumner, Mika
Tobin, Elijah
Trudgeon, Darci
Vollmer, Marianne
Wyman, Karen
Wyman, Katherine
Wyman, Nicole R.

"A" Honor Roll

Eleventh Grade
Bazzett, Krystan L.
Gaffke, Ryan T.
Kent, Natalie
Strelchuk, Joseph
Trudgeon, Amanda

"B" Average or Above

Eleventh Grade
Anderson, Jamie L.
Anglebrandt, Shannon L.
Autem, Sara A.
Bassett, Sara A.
Becks, Jessica
Colby, Shane
Craigie, Tiffany
Dasho, Jason
Decker, Christopher
Dobry, Mary
Duvall, Melissa
French, Jenny
Ginther, Brooke
Hartman, Kimberly
Hebel, Braden
Huber, Travis C.
Huckabay, Daniel E.
Hunter, Colin G.
Jones, James L.
Kiefer, Marc
McIntyre, Johnathan V.
Mead, Peter
Medeiros, Otto
Medler, Jared
Millikin, Jeremy
Moore, Johnathan
Mowrey, Tracy
Mueller, Joshua
Olson, Katie L.
Ostwald, Michael T.
Pettyjohn, Allison
Pilon, Crystal
Potter, Jason
Ritter, Bradley
Ross, Heather
Sirrime, Maryann E.
Starks, David
Thompson, Eric
Voelker, Lindsey
Weaver, Emily K.
Wichert, Stephanie
Winters, Michaels A.
Zeilek, Jean

"A" Honor Roll

Twelfth Grade
Breitrick, Tina
Everson, Heidi
McGuire, Jamie R.
Papendick, Shannon
Pratt, Amanda
Ramaswamy, Ravi
Sattler, Ryan
Stenschke, Florian T.

"B" Average or Above

Twelfth Grade
Alef, Krista S.
Argue, Mardella E.
Cadeau, Kristina L.
Chase, William A.
Craigie, Nicole
Davis, James H.
Dent, Robert M.
Elsner, Gordon
Farmer, Annie J.
Floriano, Christina
Fritz, Katherine
Galvani, Liberty J.
Gingerick, Mark
Godlewski, Amy
Green, Melanie
Hellebuyck, Stephanie
Jaskiewicz, Shawna M.
Jensen, Victoria
Kenney, Christina
Kiefer, Kelly
Lawe, Robert
Lemke, Krista M.
Martella, Amy
McClain, Aaron M.
Millikin, Samantha
Mills, Erin
Mowrer (Hannum), Jesse M.
Nettleton, Morris
Ostwald, Melissa
Parkinson, Travis N.
Quick, Amanda L.
Roman, Jerry
Ruark, Crystal
Smith, Erin
Strelchuk, Tina
Strohpaal, Nicole
Sylvester, Susan
Tinker, Karie
Tobias, Jamie
Trudeau, Jason
Wakeley, Ashley

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: Friends need love, especially when you think they do not deserve it.

Things happening at the Center are: COA Board meeting on the 15th; Casino trip on the 16th; Frederic Satellite at 11:30 and legal help at 1:30 on the 17th. Pancake Brunch from 10 to 1 on the 19th. 5:30 "hangman" on the 20th; Special speaker from Smith-Barney to talk on tax information for next year; "Roarin' 20's" dance on the 21st at 5:30; "Michigan Rummy" at 1 p.m. on the 22nd. (bring a bunch of pennies); BP's taken on the 23rd from 11 to noon, and the Let's do Lunch bus leaves at 11:30; Share pick-up 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the LDS church; Lovells Satellite all on the 24th; Sunday potluck on the 26th, just bring a dish to pass starting at 2 p.m.-all seniors welcome!

Congregate meals are served at noon and 5 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and at noon only on Friday. Fruit and

vegetable salad bar on Tuesday; Soup served on Monday and Wednesday and bread, juice and milk offered each meal. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus are subject to change without notice. Lunch/Dinner:
April
15 - Swiss Steak / Meatloaf
16 - Turkey Birds / Pork Steak
17 - Roast Chicken / no dinner
20 - Chicken Cacciatore / Fish
21 - Goulash / Roast Beef
22 - Pepper Steak / BBQ Chicken
23 - Baked Ham / Salisbury Steak
24 - BBQ Beef / no dinner

Camp Sun Deer for kids with asthma

For five days in the summer, you'll find nestled in with the stretching trees and snoozing squirrels, kids fishing, playing volleyball, swimming, laughing, hiking, asthma lessons, arts and crafts, arguably tasty food, physicians around-the-clock and tons of kids with asthma.

It's Camp Sun Deer. Camp Sun Deer is a free, week-long, summer camp that kids with severe asthma attend so they can enjoy all the adventures of camping and the friendship of their fellow campers while they cope with their asthma.

The American Lung Association of Michigan has designed this camp exclusively for kids ages nine to 12 with asthma.

No need to worry, parents, since medical staff members are like trees, they're always hanging around. In fact, this year there is a new Medical Director, Terence Joiner, M.D., from the University of Michigan Health System.

Campers look forward to swimming, playing volleyball, fishing and creating with arts and crafts.

No camper looks forward to an asthma attack -- so they can also enjoy learning how to better cope with their asthma with tips on triggers, medication and episode warning signs.

Camp Sun Deer will be held June 21-27 at the Battle Creek Outdoor Education Center in Dowling.

Registration applications must be completed by the camper's parents or legal guardian and physician and returned by May 15.

We are also seeking the support of

dedicated individuals to work as volunteers at Camp Sun Deer. Volunteers must be 18 years or older. We are certain that you will find volunteering at Camp Sun Deer to be quite rewarding -- not to mention fun.

For more information about Camp Sun Deer or any other asthma programs, call the American Lung Association of Michigan at 800-LUNG-USA. Because, like any other camper at Camp Sun Deer will tell you, when you can't breathe, nothing else matters.

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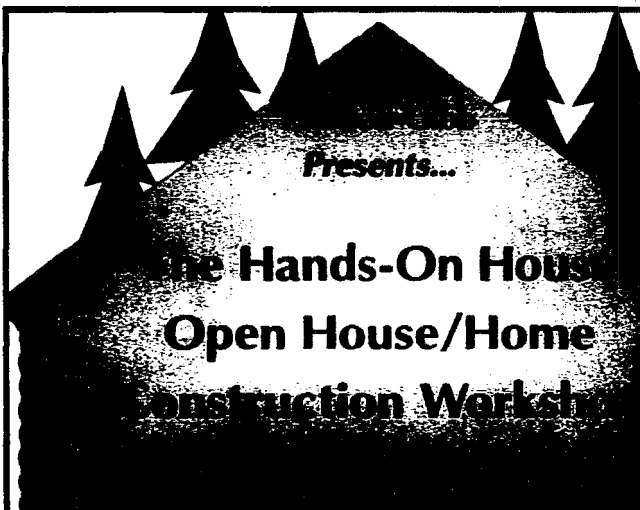
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Bernard Grix Jr. from Lovells is the Grayling winner of the Michigan Chevrolet Dealers Concert Sweepstakes. Bernie entered the sweepstakes at Scheer Motors. He won two tickets to the George Strait Country Music Festival at the Silverdome in Pontiac, Michigan on April 18th. His name also goes into the drawing along with one winner from each of the other Michigan Chevrolet Dealers to win a new Chevrolet Full Size C/K Pickup. Brad Scheer is shown presenting Bernie with his tickets.



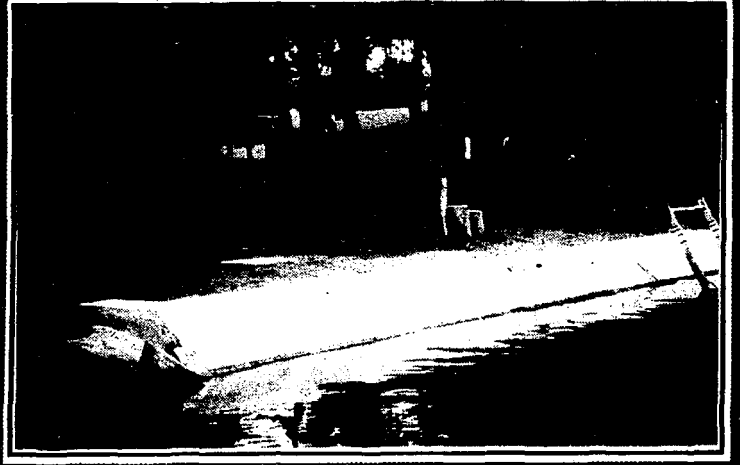
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46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Hellen A. Thompson of Wyoming was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for non-sufficient funds under \$50. She was fined \$160.

Brian Earl Duval of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for entered in traffic module.

Elwood Arnold Geise of Pinconning was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for operating under the influence of liquor. He was fined \$818, 30 days in jail and one year probation.

Brian Robinson of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for Rec/conceal stolen property under \$100. He was fined \$210 and one year probation.

Ann Marie Dixon of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for non-sufficient funds under \$50. She was fined \$160 and 2 days in jail.

Arthur David Long of Frederic was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for minor-youth tobacco act violation. He was fined \$50.

Melissa Jean Fisher of Gaylord was before Honorable Alton T. Davis for non-sufficient funds over \$50-less than \$200. She was fined \$382.94, 36 days in jail and 180 days probation.

Allen Greenlaw of Roscommon was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for non-sufficient funds under \$50. He was fined \$659.05 and 15 days in jail.

Robert Lee Welch Jr. of Ann Arbor was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for impaired - second offense. He was fined \$660, 51 days in jail and one year probation.

Richard Edward Hendrix of Traverse City was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for carelessness driving. He was fined \$150.

David John Burr of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for malicious destruction of personal property under \$100. He was fined for \$210 and one day in jail.

Jerry Arthur Balmes of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for controlled substance - use of marijuana. He was fined \$560 and 180 days probation.

Troy L. LaMotte of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for operating under the influence of liquor. He was assessed \$818, 30 days in jail and one year probation.

Candace Lynn Smith of Kalamazoo was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for non-sufficient funds under \$50. She was fined \$160.

Richard Eugene Gower of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for domestic violence. He was assessed 23 days in jail and one year probation.

Tammy Eillen Sheppard of Roscommon was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for consume/possess of alcohol. She was fined \$110.

Randy Lee Kozicki of Harper Woods was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for impaired driving. He was assessed \$560 and 180 days of probation.

Jeffrey Martin Chapman of Traverse City was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for malicious destruction of personal property. He was assessed \$25,463.03 and 2 days in jail.

Kyle Murray Sawle of Gaylord was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for license suspended/revoked. He was assessed \$405.

Laurelee Charlotte Respecki of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for reckless driving and entered in traffic module. She was assessed \$260.

Gary Dale Ivy of Portland was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for

reckless driving. He was assessed \$260.

Gary Dale Ivy of Portland was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for trespass-forbid/refuse depart. He was assessed \$110 and 180 days probation.

Adam Dean Anderson of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for drug/alcohol consumption of minor on premises. He was assessed \$1260.

Peter John Meyer of Royal Oak was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for assault/assault and battery. He was assessed \$460.

Tracy Lynn McDaniel of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for non-sufficient funds under \$50. She was assessed \$160.

Bartosz P. Grochowski of North Bergen was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for entered in traffic module and was assessed \$210.

Robert Wakeley of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for violation of Grayling City Ordinance #4 and was assessed \$160.

John Michael Miller of Frederic was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for operating under the influence of liquor and entered in traffic module. He was assessed \$772 and one year probation.

Christopher Noble Barbee of Rapid City was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for controlled substance - use of marijuana. He was assessed \$260.

Bartosz P. Grochowski of North Bergen was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for M-fireworks-possession and was assessed \$210.

Jeremy Alan Rice of Madison Heights was before Rudi D. Edel for illegal kill/poss purchase/sale of animal. He was assessed \$1,420 and 730 days probation.

Steven Joe Bergey of Frederic was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for carelessness driving.

Thomas Jerald Henry of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for non-sufficient funds under \$50. He was fined \$587.81.

William Edward Desy of Flint was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for non-sufficient funds under \$50. He was assessed \$160.

Lawrence Daniel Kneff II of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for stalking. He was fined \$301.20 and 730 days probation.

Christopher Michael Feys of Traverse City was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for violation of Grayling City ordinance #4. He was fined \$160.

Jacquelyn Jean Ryan of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for impaired driving. She was fined \$560, one day in jail and 180 days probation.

Jeffrey Stewart Holden of Taylor was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for operate under the influence of liquor and failure to stop at scene pending accident. He was assessed \$870, two days in jail and 180 days of probation.

Kendall Mitchel Cole of Northville was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for larceny - by conv - \$100 or less. He was fined \$612.46 and 180 days probation.

Edward Lee Limmel of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for operating under the influence of liquor. He was fined \$660 and one year probation.

Steven Michael Gapske of Alpena was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for license suspended/revoked. He was fined \$360.

Brian Robert Dietz of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for child/contribute to delinquency. He was assessed \$210.

Jerry Don Edgerton of Indian River was before Honorable Francis L.

Walsh for operating under the influence of liquor. He was fined \$660 and one year probation.

Michael Joseph Nagy of Frederic was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for operating under the influence of liquor. He was fined \$660 and one year probation.

Keaton Scott Hershberger of St. Helen was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for controlled substance - use of marijuana. He was fined \$260.

Gregory Allan Lemmon of Flint was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for impaired driving. He was fined \$560 and 180 days probation.

John Anthony Krause of White Lake was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for entered in traffic module and license suspended/revoked. He was fined \$360.

James Lee Richardson of St. Helen was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for controlled substance possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Stacy Lee Vandusen of Gaylord was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for ATT - check non-sufficient funds \$50 or less. She was fined \$114.56.

Lawrence Jack Beach Jr. of Romulus was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for operating under the influence of liquor. He was fined \$660 and 180 days probation.

Scott Carter Ashton of Denver was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for entered in traffic module and license suspended/revoked. He was fined \$408.

Mary Margret Filarski of Gaylord was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for disorderly-illegal occupation. She was fined \$160.

Nadieh A. Detomaso of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for non-sufficient funds under \$50 and was assessed 30 days in jail.

Paul Carl Kamph Jr. of Harrison was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for assault/assault and battery. He was fined \$410 and one year probation.

Brian David Knapp of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for impaired driving - second offense. He was fined \$810, one day in jail and one year probation.

Kenneth Lee Vaughn of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for operating under the influence of liquor. He was fined \$660 and 180 days probation.

Scarlett Kathleen Maher of Whitmore Lake was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for license suspended/revoked. She was fined \$360.

Galen Leon Stevenson of Ferndale was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for controlled substance - use of marijuana and was fined \$206.

Margo Lethia Nielson of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for non-sufficient funds under \$50. She was fined \$160.

Richard Duane Press of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for license suspended/revoked and operating under the influence of liquor. He was fined \$1,170 and one year probation.

Larry Earl Edgerton of Indian River was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for operating under the influence of liquor. He was fined \$660, two days in jail and one year probation.

Kenneth Steven Boggs of Bridgeport was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for three counts of non-sufficient funds under \$50. He was fined \$785.35.

Michael Dennis Rodzik of Troy was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for OUI - Controlled substance. He was assessed \$1,070, and 180 days probation.

Kimberly Renee Gaertner of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for non-sufficient funds under \$50. She was fined \$160.

Larry Dean Larson of Shepherd was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for impaired driving. He was fined \$560 and 180 days probation.

Roger Allen Moon of Houghton Lake was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for hunting from a motor vehicle/motor boat and discharge gun/hunting within safe zone. He was fined \$340.

Elizabeth Helen Stewart of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for minor in possession alcohol. She was fined \$85.

Virginia Mae Helsel of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for child/contribute to delinquency. She was sentenced to 10 days in jail.

Douglas Edward Duby of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L.

Walsh for impaired driving. He was fined \$560, one day in jail and 180 days probation.

Shelley Ann Wooster of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for non-sufficient funds under \$50. She was fined \$243.41.

Bradley Allen Brewer of Kalkaska was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for entered in traffic module and failure to display valid license. He was fined \$65.

Anthony Joseph Hart of Toledo was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for fugitive from justice.

Terry Patrick Berger of Mio was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for license suspended, revoked - second. He was fined \$360.

Gerald Leroy Hall of Roscommon was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for fraud/fail to inform under \$500. He was fined \$310.

Carl Edward Albright of Roscommon was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for ATT - check non-sufficient funds \$50 or less. He was fined \$110.

AnnMarie Pratt Miller of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for violation Grayling City ordinance #4. She was \$1,126.50 and one year probation.

Ian Brooks Andrus of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for controlled substance - use of marijuana. He was fined \$260.

Barbara Lynne Mertes of Frederic was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for ATT - check non-sufficient funds under \$50. She was fined \$110.

William Joseph Palm of Frederic was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for impaired driving. He was fined \$560 and 180 days probation.

Tamara Leigh Price of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for attempt truancy. She was fined \$50.

Dennis Wayne Everson of Frederic was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for domestic violence. He was sentenced to 20 days in jail.

Wellington Dean Ecker of Commerce was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for operating under the influence of liquor. He was fined \$660 and one year probation.

Amy Kirsten Shovan of Gaylord was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for impaired driving. She was assessed \$560, two days in jail and 180 days probation.

Vicky Lynn Rodgers of Roscommon was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for impaired driving. She was fined \$560 and 180 days probation.

Delbert James Case of Lapeer was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for impaired driving. He was assessed \$560, one day in jail and 180 days probation.

Minard James Harwood II of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for carelessness driving and controlled substance - use of marijuana. He was fined \$385.

Jason Michael Holton of St. Clair Shores was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for impaired driving. He was assessed \$560 and 180 days probation.

Lorrie Ann Pelka of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for non-sufficient funds under \$50. She was fined \$187.41.

Shauna Ann Messenheimer of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for impaired driving. She was fined \$560 and 180 days probation.

John Joseph Ryan of Roscommon was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for malicious destruction of personal property under \$100. He was fined \$210, 16 days in jail and one year probation.

Jessica Ann Droz of Gaylord was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for operating under the influence of liquor. She was fined \$660, one day in jail and one year probation.

Norbert Jay Szkotnicki of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for assault/assault and battery. He was sentenced to two days in jail and 730 days probation.

Michelle Marie Roldan of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for ATT - check non-sufficient of \$50 or less. She was fined \$110.

Ronald Lee Sergeant II of Traverse City was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for violation of restricted license. He was fined \$115.

Calvin Leland Labo of Frederic was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for carelessness driving. He was fined \$125.

Jay Dee Parker of Holly was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for Controlled substance - use of marijuana. He was fined \$260.

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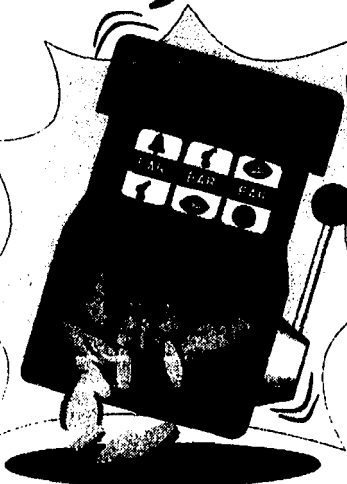
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Jay Joseph Lowinsberry of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for ATT - check non-sufficient funds of \$50 or less. He was fined \$110.

Keith Allen McClintock of Acme was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for T-improper use license plate and license suspended/revoked. He was fined \$360.

John David Koch of Whitmore Lake was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for snowmobile - impaired. He was fined \$460.

Patricia S. Gale of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for Grayling City Income Tax Ordinance.

Ray William Pelton of Roscommon was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for retail fraud-second degree. He was assessed \$215, two days in jail and one year probation.

Anthony Edward Kopka III of Roscommon was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for operate under the influence of liquor and assault/assault and battery. He was fined \$955 and one year probation.

John Jamison Marks of Saline was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for license suspended/revoked. He was fined \$260.

Matthew Russell Maciejewski of Southgate was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for entered in traffic module and license suspended/revoked. He was fined \$260.

Jessica Trina Hoard of Bath was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for license suspended/revoked and entered in traffic module. She was fined \$260.

Joann Adair of Frederic was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for Grayling City ordinance #4. She was fined \$110.

Thomas Allan Hawley of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for disorderly person/drunken. He was fined \$160 and two days in jail.

Christopher Shawn Callahan of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for impaired driving. He was assessed \$560, two days in jail and 180 days probation.

Todd Allen Fahner of Houghton was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for an unregistered snowmobile and reckless driving-other. He was assessed \$260.00.

Brenda Lee Stone of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for truancy. She was fined \$110.00, two days in jail and one year probation.

William Henry Walker of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for truancy. She was fined \$110.00, two days in jail and one year probation.

Jacqueline Edith Hall of Pontiac was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for violation of Grayling City Ordinance #4. She was fined \$160.00.

Brian Harold Doolan of Ypsilanti was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for impaired driving. He was fined \$560.00.

Joseph William Holzman of Grayling was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for retail fraud-second degree. He was fined \$360.00 and 180 days probation.

Michael Thomas Daniels of Gaylord was before Honorable Francis L. Walsh for the offenses of entered in traffic module and license suspended/revoked. He was assessed \$360.00.

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Finally, you may file a lawsuit in a federal district court if you disagree with the Appeals Council's decision or if the Appeals Council decides not to review your case.

For more information, call Social Security at its toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. Ask for the pamphlet: "Social Security: Your Right To Question the Decision Made On Your Claim."

Sheriff's Report

Total incidents reported: one ALS Amb, four forest fire, one assault, one arson, two burglary, six larceny, one recovery of stolen vehicle, five property damage, one family/child, 16 public peace.

One H&R accident, one citation, 23 health and safety, one invasion of privacy, five conserv, one miscellaneous crime, five minors, one

runaway, 13 accidents.

One non-traffic accident, three traffic safety, one alarm, three false alarms, nine civil/family trouble, 9 suspicious situation, three general assistance, 12 general non-criminal.

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Music royalties strike sour note with businesses

by Jennifer Bresnahan
Capital News Service

LANSING — The back ground music you may hear in your favorite restaurant or store is causing sour financial notes.

When a small business plays a radio, CD or tape deck, the federal copyright laws require that users pay a royalty fee.

Over the past few years, music societies such as Broadcast Music Inc. (BMI) and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) have stepped up efforts to

enforce federal copyright laws with surprise visits to bars and restaurants.

"For decades, the giant performing rights societies have used the federal copyright law as a license to intimidate and threaten small businesses," said Barry Cargill, vice president for government relations of the Small Business Association of Michigan.

The House recently passed a bill that could ease frustrations between the two groups.

Sponsored by Rep. Tom Alley (D-West Branch) the bill would require music societies to give proprietors more information on fee schedules and on which songs they hold copyrights, as well as maintain a toll-free number for inquiries.

Another requirement would make the societies register with the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

The societies also would be required to give proprietors 72-hour notice before investigating copyright violations.

Vincent Candilora, ASCAP senior vice president and director of licensing in New York, particularly objects to the 72-hour notice.

"They get 72 hours so they can eliminate music they may be using and take down signs that there is a cover charge," Candilora said. "It's unfortunate that they don't see the value of music to their business."

One of the chief complaints bar owners raise is the large non-itemized bills they received.

"Basically, these companies are not regulated," said Bob Berg, owner of Brandy's Tavern in Beverly Hills, of suburban Detroit. "They do whatever they want, including sending bills that you can't understand."

Berg doesn't mind paying the royalties. What bothers him, and a

coalition of large and small Michigan job providers, is the companies that collect the royalties.

They allegedly don't itemize their bills, often use strong-arm tactics to collect payments, and don't provide a list of their copyrighted music.

John Elstro, owner of Signatures American Grill in East Lansing, said he was visited by both BMI and ASCAP officials in the past.

He also claimed both groups used "Gestapo tactics" to inform him he had to pay them each \$700 a year for playing their songs on his compact disc player.

"These artists certainly have rights to the things they have created," Elstro said. "What has happened is they have created an entirely new revenue system."

Elstro has since switched from playing his CD collection to buying music from a cable company, which pays the music licensing fees.

"As a hotel owner, I am familiar with the difficulties experienced by business owners in Michigan and other states," said Dan Musser, president of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, and chairman of the Michigan Chamber board of Directors. "It's important for the Legislature to stop the problems that are occurring in Michigan."

The Grand Hotel has had no problems with the music societies. It purchases music from the cable company.

The bill is supported by the Michigan Restaurant Association, the Small Business Association of Michigan, Michigan Chamber of Commerce and other groups. Similar bills are pending in Congress and have been adopted in 23 states.

Michigan's version now awaits action in the Senate.

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Chamber offers customer service seminar

In today's market, business leaders are startled to discover that 68 percent of customers will not return because they received poor customer service.

On Thursday, April 23, the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a seminar to give ideas on how to meet, treat and greet customers and exchange information on how and where to find products and services in the Crawford County area.

The program has been designed by Michigan State University (MSU) and will focus on developing coop-

eration, knowing your attractions and creating an action plan.

The program will be held at the Iron Gate Restaurant and start promptly at 7:30 a.m., with breakfast, and run until 11 a.m. All businesses in the area are encouraged to attend.

The facilitator is from the Travel, Tourism, and Recreation Resource Center at MSU. He has been asked to condense an eight-hour program into three and one-half hours.

In order to cover major areas of the topic and still be able to work in a group setting, space is limited.

Attendees will be given ample opportunity to give input and be an active part of the seminar.

Although the seminar is touching on tourism issues, all parts of the business community are effected by customer service. If the tourists don't come to Grayling, those business owners relying on tourism do not have the money to spend in other businesses. Therefore, all businesses could benefit from this program.

The seminar qualifies for credits in a continuing education program at MSU. The Chamber hopes to build this program and provide other workshops that would add credits toward a certificate.

Pre-registration is necessary. The cost to Chamber members is \$10. Non-members will be charged \$20. Breakfast is included in the price. Contact the Chamber office for more details and reservations at 348-2921.

Learn to teach driver education

Central Michigan University CMU is sitting in the driver's seat this summer, offering training for those interested in becoming driver education instructors.

A series of four, two-credit courses is scheduled to be offered in Gaylord during June, July and August.

Registration takes place April 13 through April 24 by calling CMU's office in Traverse City, located at the Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) University Center.

The courses are available to individuals 21 and older and must be

taken in the sequence offered. Classes meet 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The first class, *Driver Education I*, meets June 15-18.

The second class, *Driver Education II*, meets July 6-9.

The third class, *Driver Education III*, meets July 20-23.

The final class, *Current Issues in Teaching Driver Education*, meets Aug. 3-6.

Those interested in more information or in registering for the courses can call (616) 922-1756.

Academy nominations sought

Congressman Dave Camp (R-Midland) advises any student from the Class of 1999 and within the 4th Congressional District interested in attending one of the U.S. Service Academies to contact his Midland District Office as soon as possible.

A student must obtain a nomination from the U.S. Representative or Senator in order to be considered for an appointment to the U.S. Military, Air Force, or Naval Academy. Camp urges students to obtain the information and begin the process early. A student

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"I find this to be one of the most rewarding parts of my job. It is a pleasure to work with such talented young men and women from the 4th Congressional District," said Camp.

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All proceeds from the sale will go to the Michigan FFA's ongoing educational programs to prepare young people to succeed in agriculture, forestry and natural resources.

Each 24-ounce bag contains hundreds of seeds, fertilizer and a special mulch that covers a 25-square foot area. The seeds develop in approximately 15 days. The cost for each bag is \$5.99, plus shipping and sales tax.

Utility customers will receive information in April with their electric or natural gas bills on purchasing the seed mixes. Interested parties can also place orders by calling 1-888-826-8688 through May 31, 1998.

Michigan FFA chapters throughout the state will also promote sales of the seed mixes through local events and membership activities.

Approximately 5,200 young people are active in the Michigan FFA.

"Young people represent the future of Michigan agriculture, the state's second largest industry, as well as the important work of forestry and natural resources. We are pleased to join together to encourage young people in developing their future careers," said Julie Chamberlain, executive director of the Michigan FFA Foundation and James M. Schrandt, director of agricultural services for Consumers Energy.

OBITUARIES

Rev. Fr. Branigan

Rev. Fr. Francis Henry Branigan, 86, of Grand Rapids (formerly of Spring Lake) passed away Monday, March 16, 1998.

Fr. Frank retired from active ministry in October, 1980 and in 1991 moved to Country Villa in Grand Rapids.

He was born in Bay City to Frank Henry and Emma H. (Otto) Branigan on Sept. 7, 1911.

He attended the parish school of St. James in Bay City and pursued his priestly formation at St. Joseph Seminary in Grand Rapids and St. Mary's in Baltimore. He was ordained by Bishop Joseph G. Pinton on Feb. 28, 1937 at St. Adalbert, Grand Rapids.

Fr. Frank ministered as Associate Pastor at St. Simon's in Ludington and Holy Cross, Beaver Island. In 1942, he was appointed Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Grayling; in 1948, he was appointed Pastor of St. Henry Parish in Rosebush; in 1957, he was appointed Pastor of St. Patrick, Grand Haven with the Mission at St. Anthony, Robinson Township. In 1963, he was appointed Synodal Judge of the Matrimonial Court. In 1973, Fr. Frank became Pastor of St. Gregory, Hart with the Mission of St. Joseph, Elbridge until his retirement.

He was a former member of Spring Lake Country Club and the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his sister-in-law, Winifred Branigan of Auburn, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Sr. Margaret Francis; and two brothers, Robert and Thomas Branigan.

The Funeral Mass for Fr. Branigan was held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grand Haven with Bishop Robert Rose as celebrant. Interment will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Bay City.

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We would like to thank everyone who participated in the benefit dinner for Roger Weatherly. All the organizers, volunteers and businesses did a wonderful job.

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Thank you,
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Marie E. Duby

Marie E. Duby, 79, of Lovells, passed away Monday evening, April 13, 1998.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 16 at Sorenson Funeral Home.

E. Adine Feters

E. Adine Feters, 87, of Grayling, passed away Sunday, April 12, 1998.

She was born in Harrisville, Ind., to Clyde and Blanche (Fortenbaugh) Schultz on May 18, 1910.

She resided in Grayling since 1973 moving here from Ann Arbor. She graduated in 1931 from Indiana University School of Nursing. She first retired from a private doctor's office and second from Mercy Hospital of Grayling. She was a member of the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

She is survived by one son, Thomas and Rita Feters of Underhill, Vt.; three grandchildren and one sister, Leah Hiatt of Holiday, Fla.

Memorial service will be held Sunday, April 26, 1998, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Grayling at 2 p.m., with Rev. J. Douglas Paterson officiating. Burial will take place in Washtenong Cemetery, Ann Arbor.

Memorial contributions may be directed to: Michelson Church Building Fund or Florence Nightingale Nursing Fund c/o Indiana State University School of Nursing, 1111 Middle Drive, Room 144, Indianapolis, Ind. 46202.

Agnes L. Post

Agnes L. Post, 76, of Grayling, passed away Saturday, April 11, 1998 at her home.

She was born in Detroit to Alex and May (Baty) Selesky on Aug. 31, 1921.

She moved to Grayling from Standish in 1951. She was a retired nurse from Mercy Hospital and a member of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathy Lopez and her husband, Guillermo Castanon of Bay City; grandchildren: Claudine, Jaymie, Melissa, Kate and Andres; two brothers and three sisters: John Splesky of Rose City, Alice Thompson of Selkirk, Marguerite Michaelis of Sealy, Texas, James Selesky of Waterloo, Iowa, and Carol Low of Rose City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Post in 1983; daughter, Jaymie Brunskill in 1994; her parents, Alex and May (Baty) Selesky; sister, Elizabeth Visnaw and brother, David Selesky.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

For those who wish to do so, the family would appreciate memorial gifts sent to: Heifer Project International, P.O. Box 767, Goshen, Ind. 46527. A non-profit organization that provides livestock and its care for needy families the world over. For further information call 1-800-422-0474.

John Randall Smith

John Randall Smith, 50, of Attica, passed away on Sunday, March 29, 1998, at Lapeer Regional Hospital after an extended illness.

He was born Sept. 27, 1947, to David and Laura (Sammons) Smith in Grayling and lived most of his life in the North Branch/Attica areas.

He married Iolene Teresa Combs on Dec. 14, 1968 in Imlay City.

Mr. Smith loved to garden, hunt and fish. He retired in 1996 after 31 years at General Motors - Dayton Plains Parts Plant. He was a member of Imlay City VFW Post, U.S. Army during Vietnam 1966-67 and a 1965 graduate of North Branch High School.

He is survived by his wife, Teresa; two daughters, Cindy (Dave) Nutt and Wendy Smith, both of Attica; one granddaughter, Audrey Iolene Nutt of Attica; two brothers: Wesley Ardell Smith of Frederic and David F. (Jan) Smith of Huntsville, Ala.

He was preceded in death by his parents, David and Laura (Sammons) Smith; a brother, Douglas Welch; and a sister, DeLauras Ray.

Funeral services were Thursday, April 2, at Muir Brothers Funeral Home, Imlay City, with Pastor Carl Meier and Pastor Steve Ennis officiating. Burial was in Attica Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Attica First Baptist Church and Lapeer Church of Christ.

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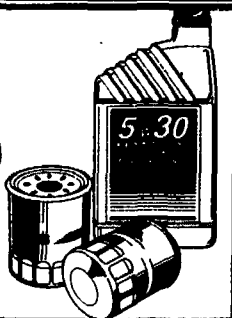
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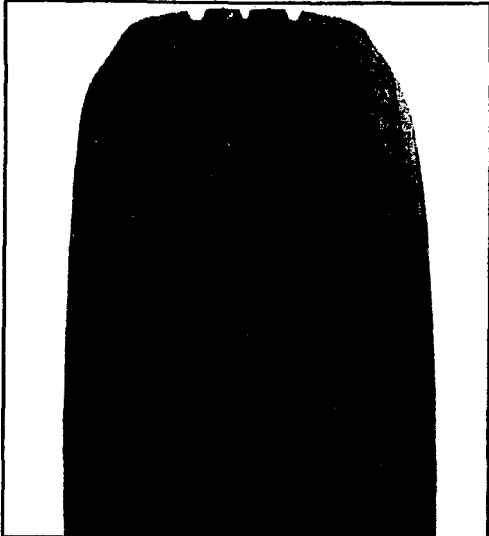
"It's very different than driving on dry pavement, but many motorists fail to change techniques and attention," Cunningham says. "That's when many wet-weather accidents occur."

Cunningham's wet-weather driving tips include:

- Slow down. As your speed increases, the tire footprint - the amount of the tire's tread contacting the road surface - decreases, providing less traction. By slowing down, you also reduce the risk of hydroplaning should you run into deeper water puddled on the road.

- Choose tires carefully. For optimum performance in the rain, select a tire with tread design and rubber compounds that provide enhanced wet-weather driving capabilities.

- Properly maintain your tires. No tire can pro-



vide good wet traction once the tread is worn below 2/32nd's of an inch tread depth. Check your tires regularly and replace them at the proper time. Also, maintain the proper air pressure in your tires; check your vehicle manufacturer handbook or the doorjamb for the proper air pressure for your particular vehicle and tires.

- Maintain a safe distance. Even with good wet-weather tires, be prepared for longer stopping distances on wet pavement as opposed to dry.

- Avoid hydroplaning. If you feel your vehicle starting to hydroplane (riding on the water surface), gently take your foot off the accelerator - don't hit your brakes. If you have a manual transmission, push in the clutch and let the vehicle slow down until control is regained.

- Turn on your lights. In most states it's required by law. It may not help you see, but it will help other drivers see you.

"Think about your driving and install good tires for wet weather," Cunningham says. "Don't be shy about asking for information from your tire retailer. Your safety - and mine - could depend on your tires and how you think."

Give your vehicle a 'spring break'

The last snow flakes of winter may still be on their way, but you can get a jump start on cleaning your car for spring and preserving its beauty and value.

"A thorough cleaning of your vehicle may add years to its life and dollars in your pocket come trade-in or sale-time," says Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager.

Here are some tips that will help you on the road towards giving your car a "spring break":

- Give your vehicle a thorough cleaning inside and out. For a complete cleaning, do it yourself or consider taking your vehicle to a full-services auto wash and pay a little extra for an interior cleaning, or having your vehicle "detailed" by professionals, which can cost up to \$100.

- Clean your car's exterior, espe-

cially the undersides of doors, trunk, hood and wheel wells to get rid of hidden corrosion-causing salt deposits.

- A good coat of wax is usually recommended. Check your owner's manual for the proper application, especially if your vehicle has a clear coat finish.

- Don't forget the interior. Vacuum and clean the carpet and upholstery as needed. Wash the windows. Removal of window haze help improve nighttime visibility considerably. A little cleaner on the interior leather or vinyl can bring back that new look.

- Consider cleaning the engine compartment. There are many products on the market to make this a relatively easy task, and there are also special cycles at do-it-yourself auto wash locations. Make sure the engine is turned off. Follow product

directions and by all means don't contaminate the environment by washing oil and grease into the ground.

- Check oil level. Nearly one in every five cars inspected during the Auto Club's recent annual Winter Care Care checkup had either low or dirty oil. If it's dirty, change it and the filter and recycle both. Perform a checkup that includes tires, hoses, belts, air filter, wiper blades, battery and lights. Check radiator coolant. If it's more than two years old or is discolored, change it. Not having clean coolant may cause overheating problems down the road in summer's heat, and old coolant can corrode internal parts.

- Check your vehicle's air-conditioning system. Warm air or decreased cooling may be a sign of a system leak. Take your vehicle to a certified air conditioning techni-

cian. It can cost up to \$100 to recharge systems usually needing two to three pounds of old-style R-12 refrigerant. Many air conditioning shops will convert your vehicle's system to use more environmentally-friendly R-134a refrigerant, but the procedure can be expensive. Get an estimate to see if it will pay to make your vehicle more "green."

Certified Auto Technicians Reveal 'Top 10 List' Of Neglect

Changing the oil and filter is the most frequently neglected service by vehicle owners, according to a survey of ASE-certified automotive technicians conducted by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

The ASE survey asked technicians to list the auto maintenance that their customers most frequently neglect. From this survey, ASE compiled a Top Ten List of Vehicle Neglect.

While changing the oil and oil filter was the most frequently neglected service at 21.7 percent, neglecting the cooling system, belts and hoses was a close second, listed by 19 percent of technicians.

Transmission neglect (12.3 percent) and neglecting periodic maintenance schedules (10.3 percent) also rated high among the techni-

cians.

"What this survey shows is that the least expensive and least time-consuming routine maintenance is being overlooked by today's car owners," said Ronald Weiner, ASE president. "Vehicle neglect can be costly. Serious problems and expensive repairs often result when car owners don't check and change engine oil and coolant/antifreeze in the radiator, or replace worn belts and hoses."

Technicians also listed other auto maintenance items that are frequently neglected: tune-ups, 8.7 percent; tires, 8.5 percent; suspension and steering, 8.2 percent; brakes, 7.7 percent; timing belts, 2.4 percent; and body/paint work, 1 percent.

Since the complexity of today's new cars and light trucks limits the

maintenance and service the average do-it-yourselfers can perform themselves, ASE advises car owners to take their vehicle to a repair facility that employs ASE-certified technicians for periodic checkups. Car owners should follow the recommended service schedules in the owner's manual.

ASE, a national, nonprofit organization, was founded in 1972 to help improve the quality of automotive service and repair through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive technicians.

Over 424,000 ASE-certified automobile, truck and collision repair technicians, engine machinists and parts specialists work in dealerships, independent shops, service stations, auto parts stores, fleets, and schools and colleges.

Dealers Emphasize Customer Convenience

In today's marketplace, there's a lot more to car service than just getting an oil and filter change.

According to the National Automobile Dealers Association, dealers are putting a new emphasis on customer convenience. That often includes a comfortable waiting area, some form of transportation when vehicles are in the shop and more.

According to an NADA survey, one-third of all dealerships offer free loaner vehicles, while one-fifth offer shuttle services. More than half of dealerships surveyed by NADA also offer weekend

service hours.

To make auto service a more pleasant experience, some dealers have even gone so far as to put coffee shops and child play areas in their waiting rooms.

The very best reason to rely on dealer service? Dealers have \$5 billion invested in their parts inventories, making it easy to get your car repaired faster with original equipment manufacturer parts.

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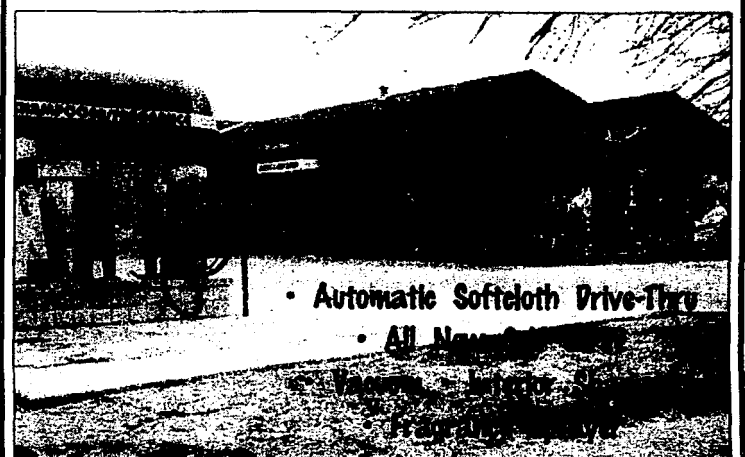
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Buying previously owned vehicles: investing wisely

The average transaction price of a new passenger car today is more than \$21,000, and the average for a truck is more than \$31,000. To make purchasing a vehicle more affordable, you may consider buying a previously owned or second-hand vehicle. Total used-vehicle sales increased from 2.3 million units in 1990 to 2.9 million units in 1996.

If you are considering buying a used car, even a fairly new one, be sure to factor in a reserve repair fund into your total budget. When buying a used car,

The first money you spend should be on the services of a trained automotive technician to look over your prospective purchase. Your trusted automotive service technician can help you spot

discrepancies that the untrained eye might never catch.

This ounce of prevention will not only help you to avoid making a bad purchase, it will also help you to determine what, if anything, you can expect to spend on repairs soon after you become the new owner. A drive belt, radiator hose, battery, brakes or a couple of tires are all typical items which might soon need repair. Armed with the knowledge of these impending repairs, you may be able to have some extra bargaining power with the vehicle's current owner.

And be wary of the vehicle seller, either a private owner or part of a dealership, who resists a professional inspection. It may mean they have

something to hide.

A professional opinion can be valuable in estimating interior repairs, too. A car with worn or damaged fabric that is still in good operating condition may still be a good investment. Upholstery burns and tears can usually be repaired by an upholstery shop at a reasonable price. Don't forget to have your technician take a good look at the vehicle's outer body as well.

Once you have made your decision and purchased a previously owned vehicle, remember to do some basic preventative maintenance at regular intervals. Clean oil, a fresh oil filter and a properly tuned engine cost very little, but add thousands of miles to the life of your vehicle.

Proper Maintenance Good For Vehicle, Environment

Regular vehicle maintenance and good driving habits will benefit you, your car and the environment, according to experts at the nonprofit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). To help you drive "green," ASE offers the following suggestions.

- Don't put off routine maintenance. You'll be helping the environment, of course. In addition, a vehicle that's properly maintained and operated runs more efficiently, is safer, lasts longer and commands a higher resale value than a neglected vehicle.
- Keep the engine running at its peak—a well-tuned vehicle pollutes

- less. Replace filters and fluids as recommended by the owner's manual. Have engine performance problems checked by a qualified auto technician.
- Misaligned or underinflated tires force the vehicle's engine to work harder, wasting fuel. Moreover, properly maintained tires last longer, saving you money and lessening the burden at landfills.
- Do-it-yourselfers should dispose used oil, antifreeze/coolant and old batteries properly. Some repair facilities accept these items—otherwise, call your local municipality for recycling sites.
- If you are not a do-it-yourselfer,

find a good technician. Ask friends and associates for recommendations. Check the reputation of the repair shop with your local consumer group. Check out the technicians' credentials. ASE-certified auto technicians have passed one or more national exams in specialties such as engine performance and air conditioning. Repair facilities with ASE-certified technicians usually display ASE's blue and white sign.

- Your car's air conditioner should be serviced only by a technician certified competent to handle and recycle refrigerants. The air conditioners in older vehicles contain ozone-depleting chemicals. Improper ser-

vice can vent these chemicals into the atmosphere.

- Change your driving habits. Speeding and sudden accelerations waste fuel. Use cruise-control on highways to maintain a steady pace. Shut off the engine when waiting for friends or family. Consolidate your daily errands to eliminate unnecessary driving.
- Remove excess items from the vehicle. Less weight means better mileage. Store luggage/cargo in the trunk or inside the passenger area rather than on the roof to reduce air drag.

Regular car care is a win-win situation for you and the environment.

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Summer travel tough on all motor vehicles

For millions of Americans, the traditional automobile vacation remains a perennial favorite. But your dream trip could be ruined by automotive problems.

To help lessen the chances of mechanical troubles, the nonprofit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) offers the following advice:

- Start preparing your vehicle well ahead of your vacation. Automotive components already weakened by last winter's driving could fail in summer's heat and stop-and-go traffic.
- Make automotive maintenance and service a year-round investment. Your vehicle will last longer, and you will gain peace of mind. Read the owner's manual, follow recommended service intervals and keep good records.
- Find a shop with a courteous staff, qualified technicians and modern equipment. Reward good service with repeat business. Ask friends for their recommendations and check the reputation of the shop with your local consumer organization.
- Look for repair facilities that employ one or more ASE-certified technicians. These technicians have taken national exams to prove their competency to their employers and to you. They wear blue and white ASE insignias; their employers display the blue and white ASE sign and often post their technicians' credentials in the customer service area.
- Inspect your vehicle periodically for unusual sounds, odors, changes in performance and handling, leaks, drips, etc. Be prepared to mention these symptoms to your auto technician.
- A summer inspection should cover the following: air-conditioning system, condition and tightness of belts and hoses, engine performance and fluids. Also check the radiator, brakes, tires (including spare), suspension and steering, all lights and bulbs, the battery and windshield wipers.
- Carry some basic tools, road flares, a cellular phone or CB radio and a flashlight for emergency use.

Some Helpful Hints About Car Leasing

- Mileage options. Lessors typically offer allowances that range from 10,000 to 15,000 miles a year.
- Calculate miles. Before deciding on a specific lease, calculate how many miles you drive each year and request that your lease be written for that number of miles.
- Additional miles. It's generally less expensive to "buy" additional miles up front, than pay for them at the end of the lease.
- Early Termination. There are typically significant costs associated with ending a lease before its scheduled maturity date. In general, you are liable for the remaining payments plus residual value, less the current value of the vehicle.
- Capitalized cost. Prior to entering a lease contract, you'll want to negotiate the "cap cost"—the automobile's selling price plus any fees and taxes minus any down payment or trade-in allowance.
- Options at lease end. Confirm that you are getting into a closed-end lease which means you will not be at risk if the residual value of the car is lower than originally estimated.
- Avoid surprises. Look for a well-written lease with all end-of-term costs listed and described.
- Residual value. Look for cars with a high residual value. A higher residual value—or resale value—will produce lower monthly lease payments.
- Shopping for a leasing company. There are two options to consider— captive or independent financing.

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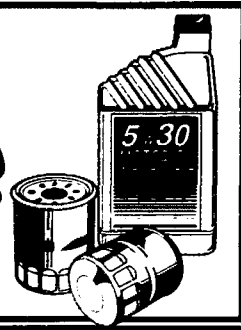
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Clean fuel is liquid lifeblood of your car's healthy 'heart'

Your car's engine is a lot like your own heart. Just as it's important to eat a diet of good food to keep that most vital muscle healthy, the best way to ensure that your engine continues to 'beat' in tune is to feed it with clean fuel.

A precise mixture of fuel and air - delivered at the right time in the right place - gives your car predictable pick-up when you step on the gas. So, if you're experiencing knock and ping or the 'herky jerkies' instead, the problem could be contaminated fuel, clogged fuel injectors or deposits of gunk in the engine's combustion chambers.

A number of things can cause contaminated fuel, including fluctuations in outdoor temperature. When combined with a less-than-full gas tank, they can cause water droplets to condense in

the fuel.

Clogged fuel injectors are another reason your car may lack the combustion and performance needed for smooth starts, quick acceleration and good fuel economy.

Injectors squirt the proper mix of gasoline and air into your engine's combustion chambers, and their tiny orifices have to remain clear to work properly. But varnish, carbon and gum deposits can form in combustion chambers, injector pumps, nozzles and plungers, slowing the flow of gasoline. The result is poor combustion and more pollutants entering the atmosphere.

You can avoid all these problems by following a few simple steps:

- Keep your tank as full as possible during cold

weather and when the weather changes from one season to the next.

- Make sure you use the correct grade of fuel - the octane rating necessary for your car's engine is indicated near the filler neck or in the owner's manual.

In addition to oil and air filters, replace fuel filters regularly, especially in fuel-injected engines. There may be more than one filter between the tank and your engine.

Regularly use a fuel additive which dissolves harmful carbon, varnish and gum deposits inside injectors and cylinders and reduces knock and ping.

Note that some fuel system additives do not have enough effective detergents to fully clean injectors.

Winter thaw, spring rain cause road trip worries

For many consumers, warm weather awakens the desire to travel on weekend excursions. However, winter thaw combined with early spring rain results in slippery and often dangerous driving conditions.

Before you head out on the road, the National Automotive Parts Association (NAPA) wants you to know some basics about the most important safety feature on your car: brakes. "Road salt in the winter and floods in the spring cause dirt and grit to get trapped in your brakes," cautions Jim Kiple, NAPA's director of technical services. "This dirt causes excess wear on the friction materials that allow you to stop." Kiple says brake failure can result from lack of proper cleaning and maintenance.

A basic pre-trip brake inspection is a good idea before traveling beyond 100 miles from home. NAPA recommends that consumers take their vehicles to an ASE-certified brake specialist for a routine inspection about every 15,000 miles. In between, however, you need to be aware of certain warning signs.

One of the most obvious warning signs is brake noise. There are many causes for brake noise such as extreme weather temperature shifts, condensation on the brake lining or improper fit. While some brake noise may be normal, excessive grinding, squeal, chatter or screeching should be investigated. Many disc pads have built-in sensors to alert drivers that brake linings are getting thin. A prolonged high-pitched squeal when not braking is meant as an alarm for immediate brake inspection.

The following are some other warning signs:

- Grab. Brakes that grab with the least amount of pressure may indicate contaminated linings or brake failure.
- Vibration. A vibration you feel when applying your brakes can be due to rotor or drum imperfections, uneven tires or worn brake hardware components.
- Pull. If your car pulls to the left or to the right when the brakes are applied, this could be the result of contaminated linings, frozen calipers or a hydraulic problem.
- Low Pedal. If the brake almost

touches the floor before activating, the problem may be solved by adding brake fluid, but this is usually caused by a leak or air in the brake lines.

Hard Pedal. If extreme pressure is required to make the brakes function, this may be a result of power brake failure, frozen calipers or wheel cylinders, restricted hydraulic lines or damaged brake linings.

Finally, don't be afraid to ask the experts. Your certified brake specialist will be able to attend to problems that are not immediately detectable, such as worn rotors or damaged wheel bearings.

A good brake inspection process will also include the following checks: brake lining wear, brake fluid level, hoses and lines, brake pedal travel and ABS (Anti-lock Brake System) warning lights. The technician should then take your car for a test drive to detect other potential brake system problems.

Good, well-maintained brakes are your insurance against avoidable brake failure. Basic inspections performed by certified automotive technicians keep you and your family safe on the road.

Regular Maintenance Makes 'Car Cents'

Dropping off the car at the shop for service is one of those things most people don't do until it is absolutely necessary. But car experts will tell you that's not the best way to approach caring for your car.

Cars need to be maintained, not just repaired when serious problems arise. In fact, just a few dollars spent on vehicle maintenance can save several times that amount in emergency repairs when you least expect them—not to mention inconvenience and potentially hazardous situations.

To keep your car running smoothly, follow these tips from Randy Drier, ASE Certified Master Automotive Technician from Snap-on Tools Company.

Replace front brakes every 20,000 to 30,000 miles and rear brakes every 40,000 to 60,000 miles. Driving beyond that without brake service runs the risk of damaging expensive brake components

such as rotors, seals, hardware and drums. Replacing rotors will cost you twice as much as a standard brake job, while replacing drums, seals and hardware will cost you three times as much.

Have your oil changed every 3,000 miles or every three months. Changing your oil is one of the single best things you can do for your vehicle. Prolonged driving without an oil change can severely damage or even destroy the engine. An oil change every three months or 3,000 miles may spare you the significant expense of replacing the engine.

Replace engine coolant every two years. Radiators can get clogged and filled with sediment caused from old coolants. If sediment builds up, you may need to replace the radiator altogether. Replacing a radiator costs five to six times as much as simply replacing engine coolant.

Have transmission fluid changed every 15,000 to 30,000

miles. Doing so will strongly increase the chances that your transmission will last the life of the car and that you won't have to go to the expense of installing a new one.

Tire rotation should be performed every other oil change—about every 6,000 miles. Rotation substantially increases tire life by dramatically reducing wear and tear.

Replace shock absorbers and struts every 24,000 miles or every two to four years. Driving with old shocks and struts can wear out your tires, ruining the treads and causing poor handling and performance. Shocks and struts are significantly less expensive than new tires.

Consult your owner's manual and your automotive technician. These guidelines are general rules of thumb. Always make sure to consult the maintenance schedule in your owner's manual and your automotive technician for information specific to your vehicle.



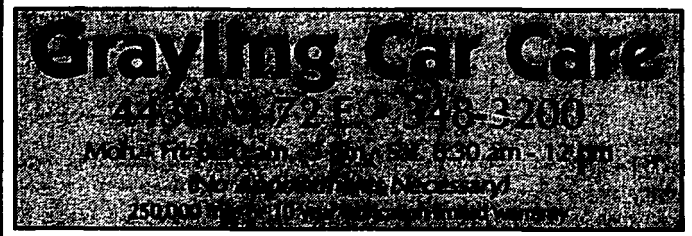
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Fighting Fungal Nail

One good thing about summer time is that our toes often spend more time out in the open air. This makes it easier to notice any little problems before they grow onto big ones. Unfortunately, leaving toes exposed also makes it easier for fungi, dirt, and debris to collect under toenails, where they find access to the softer nail bed. This sets up ideal conditions for a fungal nail infection. Once such an infection takes hold, it is generally easy to recognize but stubborn to get rid of. An infected nail will often become discolored and thickened, possibly separating away from the nail bed or even flaking away. Fungal nail is one condition that self-treatment can virtually never cure. Prescription antifungal medication is often recommended. In severe cases, surgery to remove the nail may be necessary.

Fungal nails can be persistent. They don't disappear on their own, sometimes resist cure, and may become re-infected. Seek professional treatment if this problem plagues your every step. At GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C. your comfort during treatment is our utmost concern, so our trained professional staff works as a team to make your visit pleasant. Office hours are by appointment at 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings. PH: 922-9100 & 800-968-7440. P.S. Toenails are actually made up of harden skin cells, which is why they can be so vulnerable to infection.



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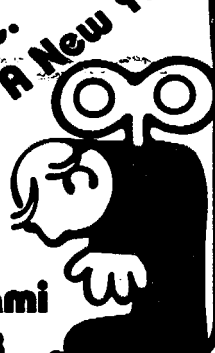
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Super exercise 'Walk This Way'

TRAVERSE CITY - If you're not already walking outdoors for enjoyment and fitness, April is a great month to start.

"The coming of spring makes everybody eager to get outdoors, anyway," said Jean Widrig, a representative of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). "And once you're out there, walking is a super activity, no matter what your current level of fitness." If you're not used to walking outdoors, here are some pointers to keep in mind.

1. **DRESS IN LAYERS.** Several lightweight layers (windbreaker, long-sleeved shirt) are more versatile than one heavy outerlayer. As you warm up to your stroll, or conditions change, you can peel or add clothing as needed.

2. **PROTECT FROM OVER-EXPOSURE TO THE SUN.** Use sunscreen, sunglasses, and a cap or visor whenever appropriate.

3. **CHOOSE A ROUTE THAT SUITS YOUR ABILITY.** If you're used to walking indoors at the mall, for example, don't tackle a steep hilly route your first day outdoors. Work up those hills gradually.

4. **BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS.** Not only does this increase your sense of personal safety, it also makes the walk more interesting. A charge of scenery can work wonders for your exercise motivation.

5. **BLOCK OUT WORRIES ABOUT OTHERS' REACTIONS.**

New walkers sometimes feel more self-conscious outdoors. Yet fitness walkers are such a common sight these days that a novice walker is never as conspicuous as he/she thinks! You'll soon get used to working out in the open.

"Many TOPS members walk to take off and keep off pounds," Widrig said.

"In fact, lots of TOPS chapters have informal teams that meet regularly to walk together. Nonmembers are welcome on these walks, too."

Learn more about TOPS chapters and their walking team in your area, call Sharon McWethy at (616) 947-0827 or toll-free at 1-800-932-8677. Also, visit TOPS website at <http://www.tops.org>.

Paperless coporate record filing program in high gear

Thanks to the Michigan Electronic Filing program (Mich-ELF), the "paperless" office is on its way to becoming a reality, announced Kathleen Wilbur, Director of the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services (CIS).

Mich-ELF has been in use at the CIS Corporation, Securities and Land Development Bureau since March 1997. In less than one year, 1,000 customers have processed more than 3,000 corporate-related filings through the new system.

"Mich-ELF uses a fax gateway that displays the document to a computer screen rather than printing on paper," said Wilbur. "It is routed, reviewed, filed and added to the public record without creating any paper."

Started as a pilot with four statewide law firms in March 1997, Mich-ELF was so well received that it was opened to the public two months later.

"Customers appreciate the 24-hour service option," said Julie Croll, Director of the Corporation, Securities and Land Development Bureau. "Because they don't have to drive to our offices or incur delivery fees, they also save themselves and their clients time and money."

More than 10,000 customers contact the Bureau weekly for corporate filings, general information, forms requests and assistance with statutory provisions. Many of these services, along with policy statements, general forms, statutes, administrative rules, and securities and manufactured housing information are now available on the CIS Corporation, Securities and Land Development website at: <http://www.cis.state.mi.us/corp>.

For more information on the Mich-ELF electronic filing program, call (517) 334-6327.

Fitness Council to sponsor MI-EPEC Curriculum Workshop

The Fitness Council of Northern Michigan (FCNM), along with the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports, is sponsoring a two-day inservice workshop designed for K-2 physical education teachers.

The workshop will be held at Treetops Sylvan Resort of April 21 and April 29. The interactive sessions will prepare teachers to implement the Michigan Exemplary Physical Education Curriculum (MI-EPEC), developed by Charles Kuntzleman, of the University of Michigan, and Paul Vogel, of Michigan State University, with input from various stakeholders throughout the state.

The FCNM is one of twelve regional councils located throughout the state. It supports and promotes the initiatives of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports with the ultimate goal of "Getting Northern Michigan Moving."

The FCNM believes that quality physical education programs have enormous potential to influence the present and future health of Michigan's residents.

The MI-EPEC curriculum is one such quality program that helps youth obtain the necessary levels of fitness, motor skills, knowledge and attitudes to be fit for life.

Donna Burge, Coordinator of the FCNM, reported that 100 elementary teachers from across the state evaluated the 153 lessons developed for grades K-2. "These evaluators documented large gains in student competence when using the lessons," stated Burge.

Lessons for grades 3-5 are under construction and should be available sometime next fall.

To register for the workshop or for more information, contact Donna Burge at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency at 517-732-1794.

Poet to visit Kirtland

On Wednesday, April 22, 1998 poet Carol Frost will be appearing at Kirtland. She is the author of several books of poetry including *Chimera*, *Day of the Body*, *Liar's Dice*, *Pure* and *Venus and Don Juan*.

Frost's last two books have been critically acclaimed.

Before the reading she will be presenting a question-and-answer session in Room 5 of Kirtland's Academic Building and then giving a reading at 7:30 p.m. in the Continuing Education Center on College Drive. The reading is sponsored in part by Kirtland's Instructional Division and the school's English Department.

Frost is one of the better known New York State poets today. Her work has appeared in numerous magazines and literary journals, and she has received numerous literary awards and honors including two National Endowment for the Arts fellowships as well as grants from Yaddo Corporation and the New York State Council for the Arts.

She has received several Pushcart

Prizes as well which award the best of work published by small literary presses in America. Frost also coordinates the annual Catskills Writing Conference which is held at Hartwick College where she serves as writer-in-residence.

About Frost, series coordinator Gerry LaFemina says: "We're lucky to have somebody of her ability at the series. I think it's been the most diverse semester for our audience, and I think that they should be excited to have somebody like Carol come. She's a phenomenal writer—one I admire for her conciseness of language and her constant approach of using mythology in her poems, but updating the myths—making them current and, therefore, still necessary. I've admired her work for a long time, she's extremely active in the literary community."

The reading is free and open to the public.

After the reading, copies of Carol Frost's books will be available for purchase, and during the reception she will be available for book signing and conversation. For more information about the Controlled Burn Reading Series or the April 22 event, contact Gerry LaFemina at (517) 275-3121 ext. 376.

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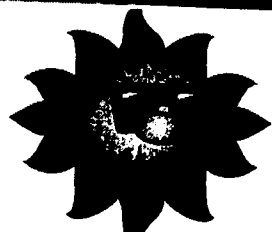
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Section B - Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, April 16, 1998

A "Hippity-Hoppity" happenin' at the Crawford AuSable Day Care and Preschool



EASTERTIME IS HERE - Kim Ginther portrays the Easter Bunny for the many children in attendance at the Crawford AuSable Day Care and Pre-school in Grayling.



LET YOUR FINGERS DO THE HOPPING - Olivia Ludwick, Selena Winters and Rachael Retz sing *Here Comes Peter Cottontail* with hoppin' bunny-eared fingers.



LIGHTING THE MENORAH - (left to right) Father Robert Henley of St. Francis of Grayling and Floyd Guernsey watch as Reverend Jacquie Guernsey, Deacon of St. Francis, lights the menorah candle for the Passover Seder meal. It is tradition that the Jewish mother light the candles before the feast. Photo by Shirley D. Schmoock.

Celebrating the Passover Seder

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Many of the Christian traditions celebrated today have grown out of Jewish customs far older than time permits for the telling of such occasions.

The Hebrew Feast of Unleavened Bread is an example of one of the customary feasts celebrated by the Jewish people. It is one of seven important feasts, the Passover Seder being celebrated yearly to give thanks to God for sending the avenging angel "passing over" the Hebrew households in Egypt prior to the Exodus.

To the Christians, the Passover Seder and the food eaten there, has served as symbolic reference to the

Lord's Last Supper. It represents His betrayal, as the Lamb of God, by Judas Iscariot, who sold His whereabouts for a handful of silver. The treachery led to His arrest and crucifixion.

To the Jewish people, however, the matzah or unleavened bread served at the meal, symbolizes the flight of the Hebrews, who had no time to wait for their daily bread to rise as they fled from Pharaoh by escaping into the desert. It also stands for unending hardship which their ancestors suffered in Egypt as slaves.

The bitter herbs eaten at the meal also represent the bitter lives the Hebrews led. These are eaten alone and then again in combination with sweet jam (haroses) and with salty water -- the mixture becoming the mortar and bricks the Jews were forced to make for the Pharaoh.

To the Christians, who have adopted much of this ceremony to their own purposes, the Passover Seder became an important part of

the Easter celebration of the life and death of Christ. It serves to provide the faithful an opportunity to recall the event and to give memory to His death and resurrection by eating the sacrificial meal of unleavened bread, bitter herbs and wine.

The Passover meal is served at banquet tables by candle light. The Hebrew custom is to have the children at the table ask the elders many questions about the olden days. They ask why the bitter herbs are eaten, and ask the elders to repeat certain prayers and promises.

The question which usually gets their attention is "why did the Jews at the time of Christ eat the Paschal (or Easter) lamb at the Passover meal?"

The answer, most of Christianity can repeat by heart: "Take a lamb, sacrifice it and sprinkle its blood on the doorpost and lintel."

And on that night, the angel of the Lord -- seeing the blood -- passed them over and smite the Egyptians, sparing the Israelites...Exodus 12:26-27

Modern Woodmen display national competition entry

Junior Director Patty Salyers announced that the Grayling Modern Woodmen of America Youth Service Club is competing in a national exhibit contest.

Members of the club have set up their display at the Grayling Elementary School to feature some aspect of their Service Club work.

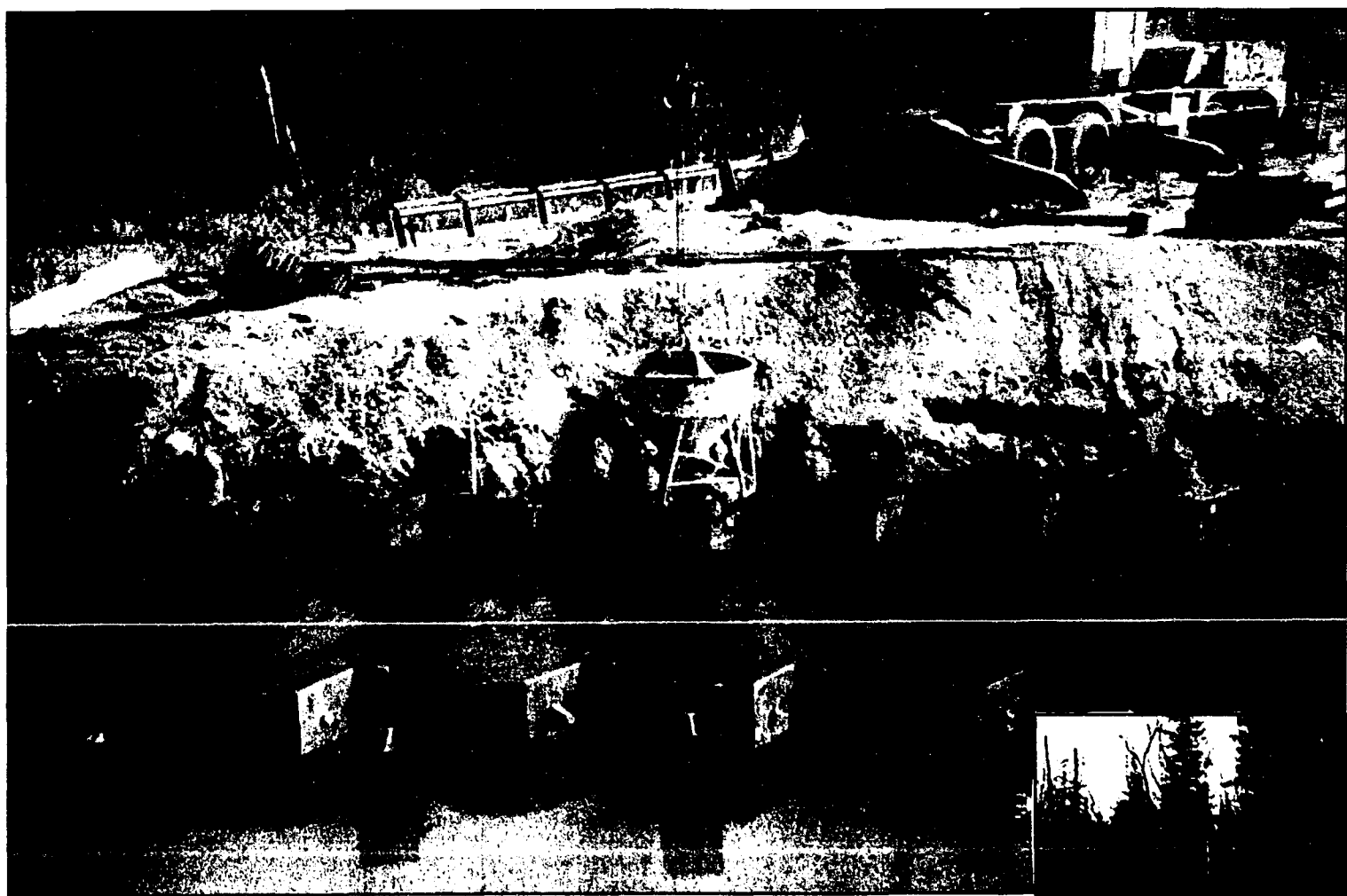
Members of the Grayling club have created a poster exhibit on bicycle safety. The public is invited to view the display through May 30.

More than 800 clubs nationwide

are eligible to compete in the contest sponsored by the home office of Modern Woodmen of America in Rock Island, IL. Thirty regional winners will be chosen to represent their areas to compete for the national prize.

The display will be judged on five criteria, including originality, theme and presentation of the display.

Modern Woodmen of America is a fraternal life insurance society with more than 745,000 members nationwide.



Townline Bridge update

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Townline Bridge construction project in Lovells Township continues at a steady pace.

On Thursday, April 9 a local redi-mix company brought in 50 yards of cement, which the four man work crew placed by the east side steel pilings.

The cement was poured in relatively small batches from the mixing truck into a large, funnel-like bucket and then hoisted to the workers, who guided the device in distributing the cement load by load.

The crew plans to set the culvert on Friday, April 17.

"It's a tight schedule, but we're going to try and make it," said bridge foreman George French.

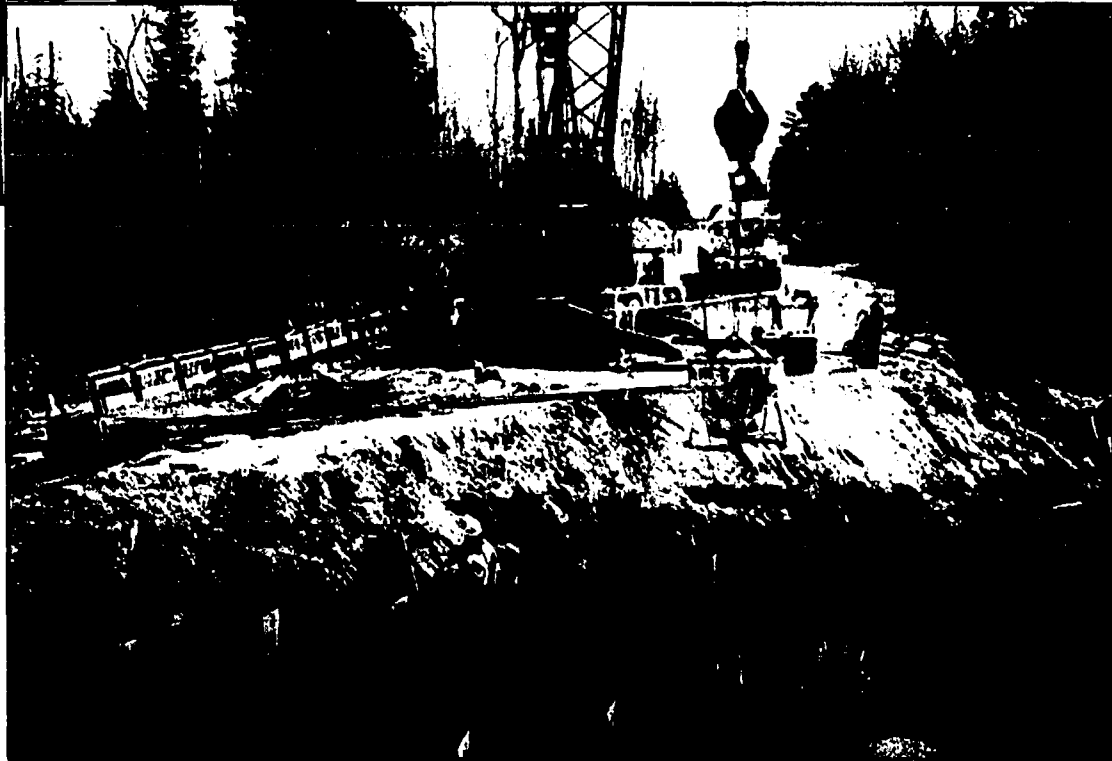
The top of the bridge will be put on in eight by 16 foot segments. The pre-assembled segments are nine feet high.

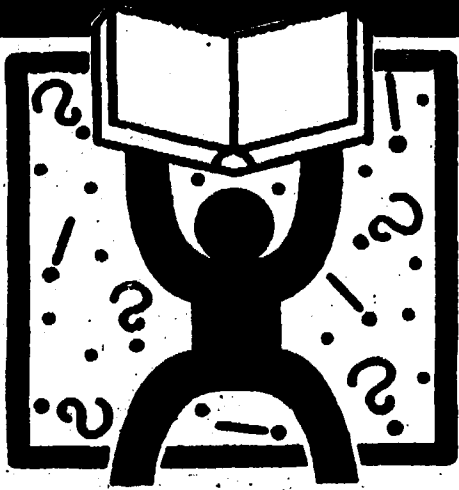
After the bridge is set up, the road grade will have to be raised in order to match up with the bridge level.

The temporary bridge structure that was at the Townline location will be put to use at Wilcox Bridge in the near future.

BRIDGE WORK --

Concrete is being delivered for the footings of the new Townline Bridge in Lovells. The employees from the contracted excavating company wait to guide the cement filled bucket and its contents into place. The crew plans to place the bridge top on Friday, April 17. Photo by Shirley D. Schmoock.





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Small Fry Fishing Club aims to hook kids and their families

by Amber LaCroix
Capital News Service

It could be a whale of a tale. But if you ask Jim Bicknell, 8, it's just another fishin' story.

"Two were bigger than me," he said of the king salmon he and his family caught in Lake Michigan. "I felt this huge tug. It took my dad and me to pull them in. They were flopping around in the bucket a lot."

The Siebert Elementary School third-grader fishes all over the state. His mom, Kathy Bicknell, said it's special because the entire family can do it, even the grandparents — "and everyone's got an equal chance."

The Department of Natural Resource's (DNR) new Small Fry Fishing Club for hatching anglers under 12 hopes to encourage more youngsters to take advantage of outdoors and fishing opportunities. Membership is free.

"The program is designed for kids, but we also hope this initiative will be a catalyst to get families fishing together on Michigan's abundant lakes, rivers and streams," said Kelley Smith, DNR's acting fisheries division chief.

Midland's Girl Scout field office membership specialist, Kathy Wertz, thinks the program is a great idea. The Scouts participate in a day camp at Bay City State Park, where the DNR teaches the girls fishing basics.

"I always think of my own kids," Wertz said. "My husband and I don't fish, but we've done things like that and they enjoyed it."

It's nice that the DNR can encourage children to fish when family members don't, she said. "If they don't get it elsewhere, I don't know where they'll get it."

Interest in fishing in Michigan has declined over the years, according to Matthews. "People's back of leisure time, no access, especially urban populations, and an aging population contribute to the decline."

An organized club and program like the Small Fry Fishing Club helps kids and their families move away from sedate activities such as Nintendo or videos, said Dr. Joe Tierney, Today's Family Life Counseling Center director.

"Leisure time among family members tends to be at different times, promoting more and more individual activities. When it's organized, it's easier. I also like fishing because it provides time for good conversation."

Chippewa Nature Center's Tom Lenon is encouraged by the children's fishing and environmental awareness initiative. "I wish we'd have more of this type of things. It's what we've encouraged here—to exceed the grasp of the TV and enjoy all that nature has to offer."

The Midland center offers fly-tying

classes, but generally draws an older clientele, says Lenon, naturalist and adult and family program coordinator.

Kids who join the Small Fry Fishing Club get an official membership patch and quarterly newsletter filled with fishing-related activities, games and information.

The newsletter also serves as a network to connect young anglers with local fishery events, clinics and eventually wildlife mentors, says Bruce Matthews, DNR's chief officer of information and education.

The program is already reeling in enrollment and is getting lots of e-mail responses.

About 1.4 million fishing licenses were sold in Michigan last year. The new season started April 1. Licenses are required for those 17 years and older.

Trish Zarnier, a 10-year-old-fifth-grader at Bullock Creek Elementary School, thinks fish are "yucky." She's never been fishing.

However, classmates Danny Jacobson, 11, looks forward to fishing. "My dad and I fish every summer and spring."

Both Jim Bicknell and Danny are interested in the club, while Trish remains hesitant. Could Danny convince his classmate to give fishing a try? "Maybe," he replied.

As for Jim's king salmon catch? "We ate it."

Conservation group announces award, new board member

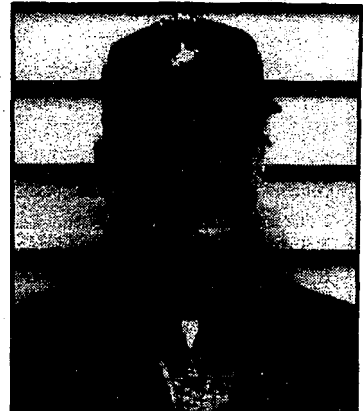
The North Central Association of Resource Conservation and Development Area Council, Inc. (RC&D) honored Roberta Jacobson with the Outstanding RC&D Employee Award at their annual meeting in Traverse City March 23.

A resident of Higgins Lake, Roberta has worked at the Huron Pines RC&D office in Grayling for eight years taking care of office and financial affairs, most of the time single-handedly.



Roberta Jacobson

Also, local resident and retired judge, George Alexander, has joined the Executive Board at Huron Pines. He is serving as Watershed Adviser, keeping watch on the river conditions and other conservation problem areas.



George Alexander

Huron Pines RC&D is a locally organized and directed program of resource conservation and development.

The two principle sponsors are the County Boards of Commissioners and Conservation Districts.

A non-profit organization, RC&D can make a grant or donation dollar work much harder through the use of matching funds.

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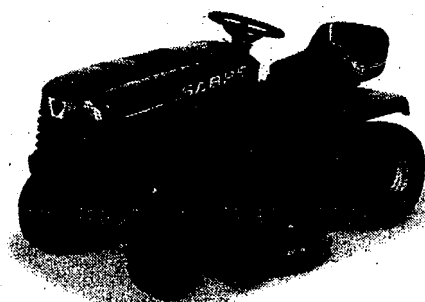
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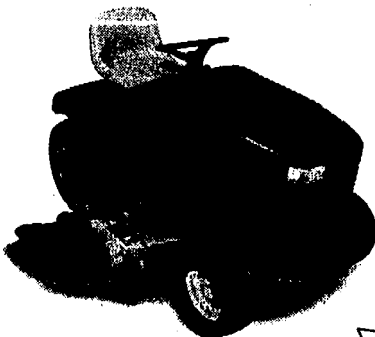
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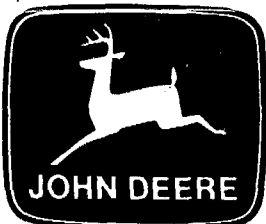


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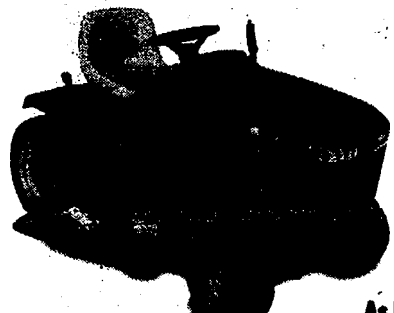


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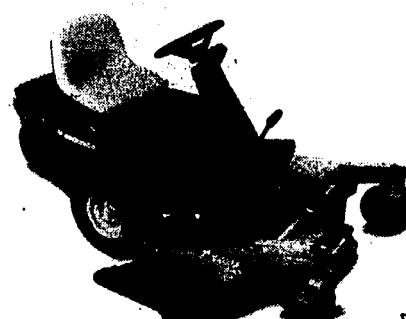
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Date set for Grayling Little League tryouts

Grayling Little League will hold tryouts on April 18 at Millikin Field. The age divisions and times for tryouts are as follows:

Baseball	
Age	Time
9-10	9 a.m.
11-12	10 a.m.
13-15	11 a.m.
Girl's Softball	
Age	Time
9-15	12 noon

Those interested in playing can still register this week at Sylvester's in Grayling, or at the Saturday tryouts.

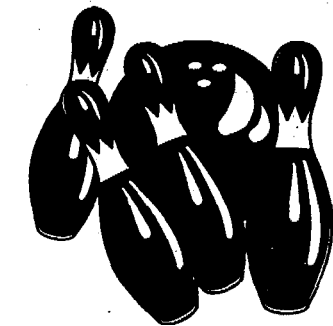
The cost is \$25 per player or \$50 per family with more than two participants. April 19-26 will be late registration. During this time players can sign up for \$35, or \$60 with the family rate. In order for players to be eligible their parents must complete the Little League registration form and provide a copy of their child's birth certificate.

Questions can be directed to Player Agent Dianne Tobin at 517-348-5361 or President Tom Haskel at 517-348-8722.

YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE

Final standings for end of season

- Action League**
- Men in Black
 - Strike 2 Judgments
 - Lethal Weapons
 - Natural Born Killers
 - J.C.'s 1st Strikers
 - Phantoms
 - Women in Black
 - Kung Fu Mania
- Comedy League**
- The Clerk's
 - The Spy's
 - Black Sheep
 - Tin Cups
 - Nutty Professors
 - Paul Bearers
 - Wild Natures
 - Space Jammers



- Cartoon League**
- Looney Tunes
 - Goose Bumps
 - Ninja's
 - Scoby Doo's
 - Aristocats
 - Flintstones
 - 3 Stooges
 - Rug Rats

All youths receive a trophy and other awards at the banquet. Thanks for a terrific season! See all of you and your families at the Banquet on April 25th at 4:45 at the High School. Any questions you may call Ron Case at (517) 348-8094.

'Starker-Mann' biathlon to take place in Gaylord

Start spring training now and become a "Starker-Mann" on May 16th. That's the date that the 13th annual Starker-Mann Biathlon returns to Gaylord offering a race for everyone. Individual Divisions, Team Divisions and a Fun Race are all a part of this challenging Biathlon.

The name "Starker-Mann" is German for "strong man" and the long courses lives up to that name. Individual racers will compete on the course consisting on a 3.1 mile run, 18 mile bike and 3.1 mile run through the rolling terrain and spectacular scenery of Northern Michigan.

Roland Anspach, a 72-year-old perennial racer from Springboro, Ohio comments, "The first year I came up, I expected everything to be flat. I said I'd never come back."

But thanks to the environment, friendly people and how he was treated he returns each year for the race. Roland also uses this time to enjoy a short vacation with family, mushrooming and appreciating the incredible beauty of the Gaylord area.

Awards will be given in eleven different age divisions and all participants will receive a long sleeve T-shirt as well as food and drink.

Entry fees are \$25 prior to May 1, \$30 after May 1 and \$35 on race day. If you're not up to the long course on your own, find a partner and enter the team relay! One runner and one biker will compete in Male, Female and Coed categories. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and enjoy in all three categories.

Registration fees for the team event are \$35 per team if entry is made before May 1, \$40 after May 1, and \$45 per team on race day. All entrants receive a long sleeve T-shirt and food and drink.

Back by popular demand is our "Bring a Friend the Less You Spend" discount. Pat Heath, Race Director for the event stated "Our committee feels this is a fantastic way to increase

participation in the race, in addition we can give back something to the

racers who have supported us throughout the years."

Here's the deal: take \$5 off your entry fee for each friend who enters the race with you. Your friend must be new to the event and there is a limit of five new friends per person.

For novices and beginners the Starker-Mann offers a "Short Course Fun Race." This mini course includes a 1.5 mile run and a 10 mile bike winding through moderate elevation changes. Registration is just \$10 and all racers receive a medal, short sleeve T-shirt, food, drink and plenty of camaraderie. Certificates will be awarded in four age divisions for both male and female categories.

Two hundred participants are expected to complete the race on May 16 which begins and ends at Hidden Valley Resort, one mile east of Gaylord. Proceeds from the Starker-Mann benefit the Gaylord High Athletic Department.

Call 800-345-8621 or (517) 732-4000 to receive your entry brochure.

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High Series: L. Dannenberg, 568; S. France, 519; S. Harney, 505.	

Pioneer League

Ginger's.....	32.5-19.5
Custom Interior.....	30.5-21.5
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Women's High Game: S. France, 208, 201; K. Moshier, 189; S. Sumner, 180.	
Women's High Series: S. France, 549; K. Moshier, 485; B. Lozon, 475.	

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Women's High Game: P. Harris, 195; D. Hall, 179; R. Joyce, 165.	
Women's High Series: P. Harris, 499; D. Hall, 467; R. Joyce, 441.	

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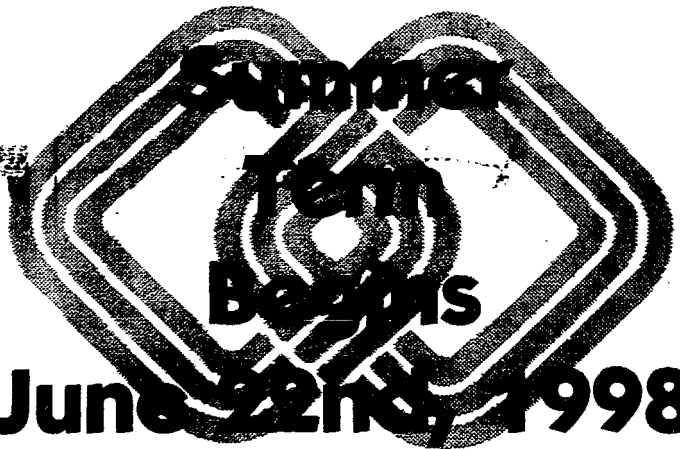
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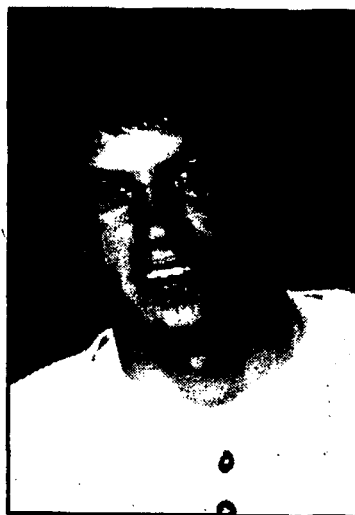
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HOMETOWN NEWS



Corey Madsen

Corey Madsen, Grandson of Betty Madsen of Grayling, will be graduating as Valedictorian of Rogers City High School's class of 1998. Madsen earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average four straight years of high school. He is one of four students to have achieved this history-making feat in Rogers City, along with being active in sports and extra-curricular activities.

Madsen is very active in baseball, football, basketball and serves as the high school's yearbook editor-in-chief.

A member of the National Honor Society and was recently selected to attend a journalism conference in Washington, D.C.

While in our nation's capital for a week-long seminar, Madsen participated in a visit to Capital Hill that included a question and answer session with members of Congress and an interview with our State Senator, Spencer Abraham.

The valedictorian will attend either the University of Michigan or Central Michigan University this fall to pursue a career in forensic science or communications.

Madsen is the son of Howard S. and Ann Madsen of Rogers City.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Marcy Lampinen of Grayling and Rev. James Fundum of Manitoba wish to announce their engagement. A June 6 wedding is planned at S.S. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church in Hancock. The bride-to-be is the pharmacist-manager at Glen's Pharmacy in Grayling. The groom-elect is the pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Roblin, Manitoba and Grace Lutheran Church in Zorra - Canada.

Calling all Kindergartners!

Planning has begun for fall of '98. If your child will be 5 years old on or before December 1st, you need to register! Please fill out a Kindergarten Survey. These forms are available at local preschools, daycares, and elementary schools. **Hurry, deadline for early registration is April 15th.**

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April 28

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April 27

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Locals graduate from Alma College

Deborah Choszczyk has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre and Dance and Ronald Hough has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Sociology. Both are eligible to participate in Alma College's 1998 Commencement ceremony on April 18 at 2 p.m. in the Cappaert Gymnasium.

Sarah Amman and Deborah Choszczyk, along with more than 120 Alma College students, participated in Alma College's second annual Honor's Day program on April 2.

The day provided a forum where traditional classes are cancelled and students shared their original research, creativity and talents with an audience of their peers.

In sessions spanning 12 hours, students performed music, theatre and dance productions, gave oral presentations of scholarly research, and led poster discussions.

With 10 percent of the student body presenting, other students were encouraged to attend as many presentations as possible both to support their fellow students and to learn from them.

Amman presented, "Women in Advertising: Images and Ideals," and Choszczyk presented, "Funeral and Festival Dance in Ancient Egypt."

McLeod and Jones to wed.

The bride-elects parents, Paula Burch of Grayling and the late Robert Jones of Texas and the groom-elects parents, Sandra McLeod of Roscommon and Paul McLeod of Alabama announce that their children, Bonnie M. Jones and John E. McLeod will be married on June 12, 1998. An outdoor wedding at Bonnie and John's home in Roscommon is being planned.

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

"After 17 years with Big Boy of Grayling it was time for a change," said new owner of Northern Expressions, Lynn Chene. "I'd been thinking about opening a beauty and nail salon for quite some time, but it was a big step."

"When the building became available, we decided to go for it. I'd gone to school for nails, and discovered that I loved it. I also enjoy the people and the business."

The name "Northern Expressions" was the brainchild of Chene's son, Scott, who is a graphic designer in the Detroit area and has his own company named "Catalyst Design."

The Grayling salon has two nail technicians and two stylists. It also features tanning beds and specialty products and beauty aids.

"I know this is a drastic change for us," said Chene, "but sometimes you have to go for something new. My entire family, especially my husband Wayne, have been so supportive. They all know how happy opening this business has made me."

"We worked hard on getting the

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during the period of April 15 through April 21, 1998.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road).

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Military maneuvers and weapons firing will be conducted.

Small Arms Ranges located West of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek.

Range 21, Demolition Range located south of Howe Road, west of the Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Road and east of the gas pipeline.

For further information, call (517) 348-3603 or 1-800-628-5820.

building ready, and it's really perfect."

Chene is formerly from the Kalkaska area, "but we've been here for 31 years now and consider ourselves 'local'."

Both of Chenes' children went to Grayling schools, and daughter

Richele Trudeau is currently managing the Brady's Restaurant downtown. Wayne Chene is with the power company, and though formerly from the Fenton area, he now considers himself "a local", as well.

Well, not quite a native, in Grayling terms, but close.



WELCOME TO NORTHERN EXPRESSIONS -- (left to right) Salon staff members Valerie Walker, stylist; Holly Hutchins, nail technician; Lynn Chene, owner of Northern Expressions. Not pictured: stylist Jackie Kolka. Photo by Shirley D. Schmoock.

Suttles receives award

Suttles Truck Leasing, Inc. was awarded the Military Traffic Management Command's (MTMC) Quality Award on March 4 in Denver, CO.

Suttles was one of ten transportation industry firms throughout the nation to receive this award recognizing excellent service and innovative transportation support provided to the Department of Defense (DOD) in 1997.

Major General Mario F. Montero, Jr., MTMC commander, presented the awards at a banquet held during the MTMC's 1998 Training Symposium.

Tim Suttles, Corporate Treasurer, accepted the award for Suttles Truck Leasing, Inc.

"It was an honor for our company to be recognized by such a prestigious group, MTMC. The recognition of excellent service and quality the award represents is what Suttles has always aimed for," said Suttles.

The symposium, a three-day logistics forum, drew more than 1,400 participants from military installations, government agencies and the commercial transportation industry.

A panel of headquarters staff members selected award winners from nominations submitted by DOD field activities worldwide.

Key areas considered were customer service, business innovation and dollar savings delivered.

All modes of transportation service providers, including airlines, trucking firms, household goods carriers and commercial travel agencies, were eligible to be nominated.

Suttles Truck Leasing, Inc. was nominated by the Directorate of Aerospace Fuels Management, Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, for exceptional safety and service in shipping large volumes of hazardous waste such as kerosene and aviation turbine fuel.

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Ducks Unlimited to hold its annual fund raising banquet

The Crawford County Chapter committee of Ducks Unlimited will be held its 15th annual banquet at the Grayling Holiday Inn at 6 p.m. on April 25.

The Ducks Unlimited (DU) success story, said committee co-chairmen Wayne Casler and John McDonald, is really starting to spread. Local DU fund-raising events held throughout the country last year contributed to the organization's national fund-raising effort of \$100 million during 1997.

"But, what's even more important to realize," said Casler, "is that money is being spent locally to improve waterfowl habitat, mid-forest Lodge wetland restoration, 40 acres in Roscommon County and Bear Creek wetland restoration (restoration of the flooding).

Each year, the United States loses some 400,000 acres of wetland habi-

tat. Since its inception, DU has raised over one billion dollars and enhanced and restored 7.5 million habitat acres, encompassing over 10,000 wetland projects, in an effort to reverse this destructive trend.

DU's projects provide habitat for over 600 wildlife species, including ducks, geese, and endangered species like the whooping crane and bald eagle.

While DU has accomplished a great deal since its founding in 1937, the rapid draining of our wetlands demands that the organization continue to accelerate its work. Efforts like those of the Crawford County Chapter committee are a vital part of DU's efforts.

For information on how you can support DU's program of wetlands conservation contact Rick Nash at 348-2003.

LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by STEPHAN E. PAPE, SR. and Elizabeth A. PAPE, husband and wife (original Mortgages) to Express Funding, Inc., a Nevada Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 8, 1994 and recorded on December 14, 1994 in Liber 387, on Page 388, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by me to assignments to BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee as assignee, by an assignment dated December 9, 1994 which was recorded on July 10, 1996 in Liber 414 on Page 292, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Nine and 34/100 dollars (\$14,689.34), including interest at 16.30% per annum. Adjustable Rate Mortgage. Interest rate may change on 1/1 and 7/1 of each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public sale, at the Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 1998.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 378, Indian Glens of the AuSable Unit #5, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats, Page 25, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 16, 1998

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: (248) 642-4202

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys for BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee,

30150 Telegraph Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025

-16-23-30-7-14

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

I AM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Default having been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jack A. Shaw and Barbara S. Shaw (now Barbara S. Peters) to Second National Bank of Bay City (now Citizens Bank) dated July 21, 1989, and recorded on August 14, 1989, in Liber 300 at Pages 531-533 of Crawford County Records, which mortgage was assigned by the Mortgagee to George Shaw by instrument dated June 17, 1996, which was recorded on October 28, 1997, in Liber 440 at Page 471 of Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due on the date hereof the sum of \$37,039.36 including

interest to the date of this notice at the rate of 10.5% per annum.

Barbara S. Peters has quit-claimed her interest in the mortgaged premises to George Shaw by instrument dated November 7, 1997, and recorded in Liber 441 at Page 567 of Crawford County Records and is no longer involved in this proceeding.

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the applicable statutes, notice is given that the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public sale, at the Crawford County Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on May 12, 1998.

The property subject to the Mortgage is described as being in Lovells Township, Crawford County, Michigan and being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 27 North, Range 1 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of said section, thence South 88°31'22" East along the Section line 1297.5 feet to the West 1/8 line; thence South 0°43' East along the West 1/8 line 660.7 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 0°43' East 234 feet; thence North 88°31'22" West to the left bank of the North Branch of the AuSable River; thence Northerly along said bank to a point North 88°31'22" West of the point of beginning; thence South 88°31'22" East 369.5 feet to the point of beginning; together will all rights appurtenant thereto. This land extends to the water's edge of the North Branch of the AuSable River with full riparian rights thereto.

The redemption period is 12 months from the date of the sale.

DATE: April 3, 1998
George Shaw, Mortgagee
1607 Woodmere Place
Bay City, MI 48708
Telephone: (517) 893-7296

-16-23-30-7

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by GLENN R. HAGLE and SUZANN L. HAGLE, Husband and Wife, of 608 Ottawa Street, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 3197 Logan Valley Road, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated October 2, 1981, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on October 6, 1981, in Liber 200 of Crawford County Records, on Pages 561 through 564, inclusive. By reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND ONE AND 36/100 (\$35,001.36) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such

case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday May 7, 1998 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 13.25 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

The Northeastly half (NE 1/2) of Lots 7 and 8, Block 6, Hadleys Amended Addition to the Village of Grayling, being a subdivision of part of the Southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Seven (7), Town Twenty-Six North (T26N) Range Three West (R3W), Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof as recorded at Liber 1 of Plats, Page 4, Crawford County Records. (Also commonly known as 604 Ottawa Street, Grayling, Michigan 49738.)

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development, (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (517) 345-5470, facsimile (517) 345-4010.

Dated: March 30, 1998
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee.

Robert J. Zina (P22749)
Attorney for Mortgage
SCHEUERLE & ZITTA
300 Washington Street
P.O. Box 212
Grand Haven, MI 49417
(616) 842-1470

-9-16-23-30

Maple Forest Township will be accepting bids for a Level I Assessor until 5 pm Monday, June 1, 1998. Please send bids to Maple Forest Township Supervisor, Mark Kniss at 7416 N. Sherman Road, Frederic, MI 49733. For additional information please call 517-348-6301 or 517-348-9801. Interested persons must be familiar with Equalizer Tax Assessing Software package. Maple Forest Township Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept other than a low bid and to make decisions that will be in the best interest of Maple Forest Township.

Susan M. Keene
Maple Forest Township Clerk

-9-16

Crawford County Board of Appeals
NOTICE OF BOARD POSITIONS

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications for the current appointments on the Crawford County Construction Board of Appeals. The State of Michigan Bureau of construction codes states, "A member of the board of appeals shall be qualified by experience or training to perform the duties of members of the board of appeals". Members must have background in construction and a working knowledge of the codes being enforced by the governmental subdivision in order to process appeals and consider variances. Qualified applicants are to be residents of Crawford County and may submit applications available by County Clerk Sandra Moore at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday April 24, 1998.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds

-16-23

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Michael H. Jones and Meredith C. Jones, husband and wife, of 6588 Nottingham Drive, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, to Empire National Bank of Traverse City, a national banking association of 1227 East Front Street, Traverse City, Michigan, 49606, dated May 18, 1993, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on May 25, 1993, at Liber 359, Pages 475-480, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this Notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$49,363.85; and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

Now Therefore, Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, May 14, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., on the steps of the Courthouse in the Village of Grayling, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with interest at 8% per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, Empire National Bank of Traverse City, Traverse City, Michigan, does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, described as:

Lot 27, Plat of Sherwood Forest, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period as provided by law is six (6) months from the date of the sale.

Dated: April 13, 1998
EMPIRE NATIONAL BANK OF TRAVERSE CITY, Mortgagee
SMITH & JOHNSON, ATTORNEYS, P.C.
H. Wendell Johnson (P24247)
Attorney for Mortgage
603 Bay Street - P.O. Box 705
Traverse City, MI 49685-0705
(616) 946-0700

-16-23-30-7-14

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by STEPHEN K. LAVIGNE and TANYA L. LAVIGNE, Husband and Wife, of 211 Berry Patch Circle, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, Mortgagee, to GRAYLING MANUFACTURED HOUSING, INC., Mortgagee, dated the 24th day of July, 1996, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on 1st day of August, 1996, in Liber 415 of Crawford County Records, on Pages 346-49, and subsequently assigned to GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERVICING CORPORATION by Assignment dated the 25th of July, 1996, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 1st day of August, 1996, in Liber 415 of Crawford County Records, on Page 550, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Fifty-seven thousand Five hundred Ninety-two and 85/100 (\$57,592.85), and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of May, 1998 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Court House Building in Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof

as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at \$16.21 per diem and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All the certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 6, FLORA FAUNA, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4, of Plats, Page 18, Crawford County Records.

Together with a security interest in a 1996 Four Seasons Manufactured Home, 48 x 28, serial number S/O.

Commonly known as 211 Berry Patch Cr., Grayling, Michigan 49738.

During the six (6) month immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: March 16, 1998
Paul J. Nicoletti (P44419)
Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation - Mortgagee

-9-16-23-30-7

NOTICE

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

There is an opening for a part-time outside maintenance person for the Lovells Township Hall and Cemetery Grounds.

Any persons interested in applying please contact Supervisor Fred Schaubly at the Lovells Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling MI 49738, 348-9215 or home 348-7065

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

-9-16

PUBLIC NOTICE

CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL SECTION 5331 (FORMER SECTION 18) APPLICATION FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CTTA) has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for fiscal year 1999, as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, and for federal Section 5311 (former Section 18) assistance as required under the Federal Transit Act, as amended.

The CTCTA is requesting Four Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars (\$474,976) in state operating assistance for general public transit services; Eight-One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$81,829) for Federal Section 5311 operating assistance; and Eight Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$827,740) for eleven replacement buses equipped with wheelchair lifts and other capital replacement items.

The proposed application is stored on an electronic file at the CTCTA administrative offices and may be reviewed during the months of April and May 1998. An appointment may be scheduled to review the application by telephoning 348-8215.

Written comments regarding the application and/or written requests for a public hearing to review the application must be received by 4:30 p.m. April 30, 1998. If a hearing is requested, notice of the scheduled date, time and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Submittals should be mailed to:

Crawford County Transportation Authority
4278 West North Down River Road
Grayling, Michigan 49738

"The Crawford County Transportation Authority is an EOE/AA Organization"

"Proposals from Certified DBE/WBE Vendors are Requested"

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Michigan Department of Agriculture
Animal Industry Division
P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, Michigan, 48909
(517) 373-1077
ENFORCED RESTRICTION AREA ORDER
Order No. 1998-01

Due to the uniqueness of bovine tuberculosis in wild, free-ranging white-tailed deer, and consistent with the Governor's Executive Directive (1998-1), by the authority conferred upon the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture by 1988 PA 466, as amended, this Enforced Restriction Area Order is imposed to control the spread of bovine tuberculosis and is in effect May 1, 1998, until amended, released or terminated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

This order is in effect for all premises and land located in an area bordered by interstate Highway 75 to the west, M-55 to the south, and Lake Huron and the Straits of Mackinac to the east and north. This Order includes the entirety of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, Oscoda, and Presque Isle counties; and portions of Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Otsego, and Roscommon counties.

For purposes of this Enforced Restriction Area Order feeding ban, the term "feed" means:

A substance composed of grains, minerals (including salt), fruits, vegetables, hay or any other food materials, whether natural or manufactured, that is placed, deposited, distributed, or scattered by a person which may lure, entice or attract wild, free-ranging white-tailed deer and elk.

"Feed" does not include normal logging practices, the establishment and maintenance of plantings for wildlife, foods found scattered solely as the result of normal agricultural planting or harvesting practices, the feeding or storage of feed for agricultural purposes (except as provided in numbered paragraph 3 below), or standing farm crops under normal agricultural practices.

It is ORDERED that:

1. Effective May 1, 1998, a person shall not place, deposit, distribute, scatter or tend feed in any area frequented by wild, free-ranging white-tailed deer and elk except that a person may take wild, free-ranging white-tailed deer over bait as defined and authorized by the Natural Resources Commission. This order does not preclude feeding of live stock on a farm as provided in numbered paragraph 3 below. For purposes of this Order, "farm" is defined as "the land, plants, animals, building, structures, including ponds used for agricultural or aquacultural activities, machinery, equipment, and other appurtenances used in the commercial production of farm products."

2. Effective July 1, 1998, except as provided in numbered paragraph 3 below, any person who placed, deposited, distributed, scattered or tended feed for wild, free-ranging white-tailed deer and elk prior to May 1, 1998, shall ensure that feed is removed, dispersed, buried or otherwise handled so as to prevent the feed from causing wild, free-ranging white-tailed deer and elk to congregate.

3. Effective May 1, 1998, a person shall not allow feed used for livestock to remain in areas frequented by wild, free-ranging white-tailed deer and elk unless the area is occupied by livestock actively consuming the feed on a daily basis or unless the feed is covered so as to prevent wild, free-ranging white-tailed deer and elk from gaining access to the feed.

4. Upon entry of this order, effective immediately, a person shall not transport live cervidae into or out of the enforced restriction area without permission from the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

5. Effective May 1, 1998, a person may feed wild birds or other wildlife if done in such a manner as to exclude wild, free-ranging white-tailed deer and elk from gaining access to the feed.

This Order will be enforced as provided by law.

It is so ORDERED

Dan Wyant, Director
Michigan Department of Agriculture
3-12-98

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FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of April 19-25

ARIES

March 21-April 20

Resolve not to take any work home with you this week. It may seem that you'll only get further behind, but the breather will help you get a leg up on things. Best of all, it will give you a chance to spend some time with family and friends.

Taurus

April 21-May 21

Remember that staying on top of the little details will help you become more successful. Don't ignore little problems thinking they'll go away. Deal with them before they become overwhelming. Lend a hand to someone who needs your help.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

Take the information you learned over the weekend and put it to good use at work. It may not seem applicable at first, but think it through, and it will really help you work out some knots. Don't ignore a problem that's in the development stages at home.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Your partner seems to be having trouble understanding your money problems. If he/she will not listen to reason, consider consulting a financial specialist to help you get through the tough times. It may be time for you to take the reins of your finances.

LEO

July 23-August 23

This week, you need to set aside time to relax. With things so hectic at work and home, you haven't taken enough time for yourself. Do it before you get down on yourself. You may consider joining a health club or exercise facility as a way to relax and get in shape.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Don't pressure yourself to come up with creative ideas. Instead, take a deep breath, relax and get the busywork done. Then you should find it easier to think creatively. You'll find you have a better handle on problems at home if you don't lose your cool.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

Provide comfort and advice to a loved one who is under a lot of pressure. With your help, things can work out to everyone's satisfaction. Don't let a certain person at work get you down. Take what they have to say with a grain of salt and continue to do your best.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Pull some strings behind the scenes to help out a friend at work. It will help build their self-confidence; and in the long run, it could work to your benefit. Try to be patient with your partner. Things might frustrate you but work to not become overwhelmed.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

Don't try to do everything yourself. Depend on family and friends to help out. You'll find that more things will get done that way and you will stay more relaxed. Celebrate by taking the people who have helped you most out to dinner.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Don't plan anything too complicated for the end of this week. With the way events will go by midweek, you'll be glad you didn't. Instead, plan a relaxing weekend for you and a friend or partner...something to help you forget how hectic the week was.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

You may not be able to change what someone says, but you can control your reaction to it. By taking the comments in stride, those around you will have more respect for you. Don't forget to reward yourself for taking it on the chin!

PISCES

February 19-March 20

Don't stay out too late this weekend. You'll be called upon for some important advice Monday morning, so be sure you are clearheaded when you get to work. Instead, plan to make time this weekend to help a close friend who needs your support.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

SHRIMP "AL PINCHO"

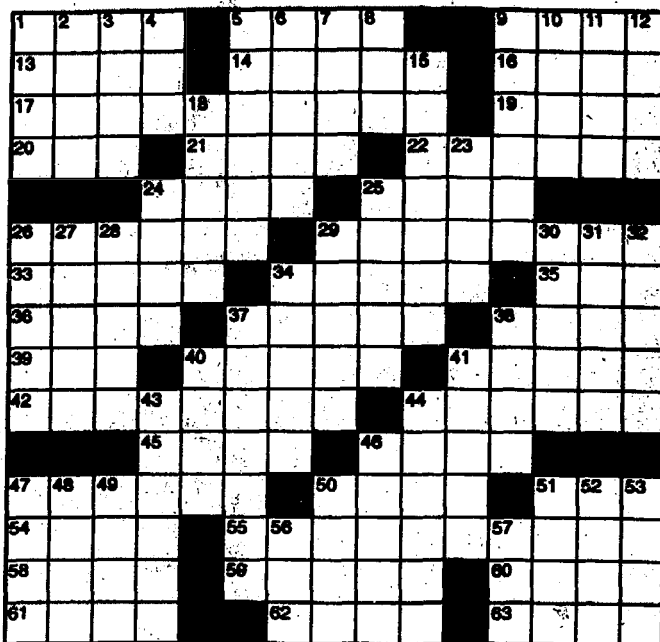
5 T. Puerto Rican Dark Rum
3 T. plus 2 t. fresh lime juice
1/8 t. crushed red pepper
1 lb. medium shrimp, shelled and deveined
2 T. butter
1 T. minced fresh cilantro
1 T. chopped chives
1/2 t. grated lime peel
1/4 t. ground black pepper
4 green onions, cut into 2" pieces

Combine 3 T. rum, 3 T. lime juice and red pepper in pie plate. Add shrimp, tossing to coat. Marinate shrimp 30 minutes, turning occasionally. Heat broiler to prepare grill. Heat butter, cilantro, chives, lime peel, pepper, remaining rum and lime juice in saucepan. Thread shrimp

and green onions of 8 skewers. Brush with butter mixture. Broil on broiling pan lined with foil at closest position to heat, or grill over hot coals, 3 to 3 1/2 minutes, turning once, and brushing again with butter mixture. Remove skewers from heat; brush with any remaining butter mixture.



CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Fishing line floats
- Fink
- British streetcar
- Funny one
- Really (Sendak book)
- 1932 Garbo role
- "Famous for 15 minutes" fellow
- She played Gilda
- Firmament
- Use a bride path
- Certain skirts
- Forfeit a turn
- Small bottle
- End a search
- Shirley Temple's trademark
- Era
- Ponders
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- They're on a docket
- Drunkard
- Game based on Crazy Eights
- Leisure et al.
- Tropical fruit
- Does
- Tattered

DOWN

- Lingerie items
- Barrymore sound
- Heat (Hurt film)
- Pig's home
- Cook slowly
- Peasage members
- Arthur of the courts
- Life story, for short
- Excite
- Joan Crawford film
- Comic Johnson
- Farrow et al.
- NYC eatery of the stars
- Fury
- Lingers
- Stride
- Gripping tools
- Die down
- Reckon
- Hue
- Deteriorates through inaction
- Basketball's Patrick
- Glimmer
- Endured
- Cripples
- Drape
- Shows happiness, canine style
- Hit
- Leisure
- Secure
- Rue
- Jacques of song
- Mano Park middle name
- Pitcher Tiant
- Karenine
- Small: suffix
- Type of school, for short
- Listen
- In a lazy manner
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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO

April 10, 1975

The Grayling City Council voted Monday, March 31st three to one to support banning of handguns.

A decision was made unanimously by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners Feb. 12 to purchase a new animal control vehicle and a part-time assistant was allowed to help control the stray animals in the area.

Tires equipped with metal studs made of tungsten carbide became illegal throughout Michigan on April 1.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kreuzer of Roscommon on April 2, a son, Clayton Dean, weighing 7 lbs. 4 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCordle of St. Helen are the parents of a son, Richard LeRoy Jr., born April 3 and weighing 5 lbs. 3 1/2 ozs.

A daughter, Elissa Nancy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Cox of Grayling on April 4. She weighed 7 lbs. and 12 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bobenmoyer of Grayling are happy over the arrival of twin daughters on April 4. Sara Joan weighed 5 lbs. 2 ozs and Bethany Joy tipped the scales at 4 lbs. 13 ozs.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wedemeyer of Roscommon are the proud parents of a daughter, Maggie Genevieve, born April 5 and weighing 6 lbs. 8 1/2 ozs.

Lisa Roxanne is the 6 lb 7 3/4 oz daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ruggles of Frederic. She was born April 6.

Joe Kessler retired April 1st after 11 years with the maintenance department at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

The department of Natural Resources, Roscommon Headquarters, has announced the appointment of two new conservation officers in Region II. They are: John D. Germinder, who has been

assigned to Ostego County in the Gaylord District and Richard C. Wahl, who has been assigned to District 7 at Mio.

The fourth graders in the Grayling Elementary School held an "I can use the card catalog contest."

Cpl. Phillip Lennert, USMC, was home for a short visit from Pearl Harbor Naval Base, Hawaii.

46 YEARS AGO

April 10, 1952

Pat and Margie Harwood of Bay City spent a couple of days with relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanson spent the weekend in Saginaw visiting the Waldemer Hansons. They were joined there by their son Alfred Hanson and wife of Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. William Christenson and Mrs. Robert Bovee and daughter, Billy Fay, spent Wednesday in Mt. Pleasant.

Roy Milnes Jr., returned to Michigan State College Saturday after spending between term vacation with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Hills and daughter arrived home Friday after spending the winter in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Miller (Joan Thompson) have returned from Tecoma, Wash. to make their home in Grayling for the present. Dick is employed by the New York Central Railroad Co.

69 YEARS AGO

April 11, 1929

An alarm of fire this morning called the department to the home of Frank LaMotte. The damage was slight.

LaBrash Square Deal Store, open for business April 12th.

Patrons of Grayling Opera House will be pleased to learn that Manager George N. Olson has con-

tracted for talking movie equipment to be installed in the opera house. Engineers will be here some time this week to install the apparatus.

Frank Bennett has sold his home on the South Side and expects to move into the Turner house on Spruce Street soon.

Ernest Hoesli who has been taking a business course at Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, has returned home for the summer to assist his father in his gasoline business.

Local manager Sigwald Hanson, Don Reynolds and Gail Clise of the Michigan Public Service Co., were in Cheboygan Monday evening to attend an educational program presented by the company in the interest of the electrical business.

Mrs. Louis Herbison and son, Robert spent the spring vacation visiting in Detroit and other places.

Mrs. Bruce Hayes (Edith Olstrom) and little son, Bruce Jr., returned to their home in Detroit Tuesday after spending a week here, visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Adams.

Mrs. Andrew Brown and Mrs. Alfred Hanson entertained the Woman's Home Missionary Society at the home of the former yesterday afternoon.

92 YEARS AGO

April 12, 1906

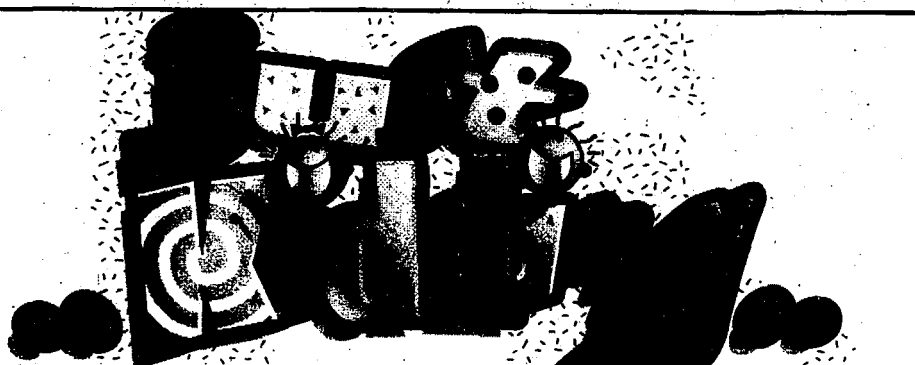
Robert Rasmussen spent the vacation last week with the family in Johannesburg.

Olaf Michelson is home from his Owosso lumber yard visiting the home and old chums.

Miss Mary Woodruff of Roscommon took charge of the 6th grade of our school Monday in place of Miss Nold who has resigned.

In Ancient Greece the Athlete's principal diet consisted of fresh cheese.

The "shot" in shot-putting originally was just that - a cannon ball.



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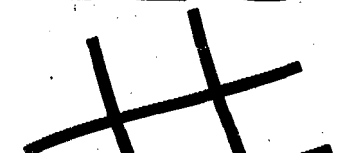
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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

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4/11	55	20	
4/12	62	26	
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WY OF FRONTAGE ON BEAUTIFUL CUB LAKE ENTERTAINING IS PART OF THE REAL JOY OF OWNING THIS LAKEFRONT HOME. Three to four bedrooms, two baths, 1,824 sq. ft., open floor plan dramatic kitchen, dining room and living room. Walk-out downstairs onto deck with fantastic view of Cub Lake. Kitchen offers beautiful bar, cozy nook. Cub Lake is a 53 acre lake with good swimming and fishing, and sandy beaches. \$148,000. CS-625



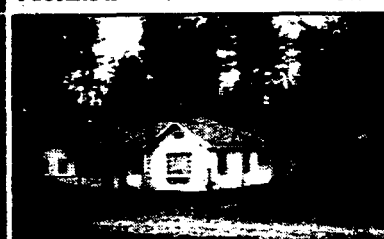
NEW CONSTRUCTION - COMPLETE OCCUPANCY Quality craftsmanship - custom ranch - all built up on a choice wooded parcel with no thru traffic. Great room features vaulted ceilings, island bar downwell onto a 12x20 deck, master bedroom suite, oak cabinets, hot-water base-board heat, covered front porch, and driveway with apron. \$88,900 CH-629



ENTHUSIASTIC COTTAGE IN THE WOODS One-to-two bedrooms, 1.5 bath offer \$20 sq. ft. with gas heat and two woodstoves. Half basement, lovely pine kitchen cabinets. Bedroom offers walk-out patio door into back yard. Secluded setting close to Rosecrans. \$42,900 CS-624



NEW OFFERING 4001 North Down River Road Remodeled three-bedroom mobile home, rubber roof-over, large patio, covered deck, two storage buildings, all on one acre just outside city limits. \$24,500 Possible land contract terms. CH-619



SECLUDED RIVERFRONT HOME OFFERS 1,800 SQ. FT. Two bedrooms with hardwood floors, living room offers lovely gas walls, two garages, two basements with separate entrances, cyclone-fenced yard, fenced garden area, beautiful mature trees with babbling creek running through, 100' on the famed 'Holy Waters' of the AuSable Mainstem, on 3.63 acres. Reduced to \$88,000. CS-623



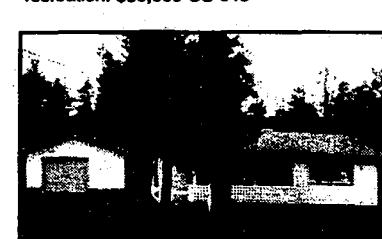
OPEN FLOOR PLAN DRAMATIZES VERSATILE INTERIOR Three bedrooms, two baths, natural gas heat, city water and sewer. Family room, living room, dining area & kitchen offers open floor plan. Cathedral ceilings, 5.5x4 dry bar off living room. French doors out to back yard. Master suite offers large walk-in closet, bath with garden tub & separate shower. Dining room offers built-in hutch. Cable TV. Double lot in the city with 2 car garage. \$87,000 CS-734



4815 N. DOWN RIVER ROAD Clean 2 bedroom home on 1 acre just outside city limits. 1,016 sq. ft. living area, 10x14 deck, 24'x24' garage, concrete apron, ideal starter or retirement home located close to Grayling's Amenities. Just Listed at \$49,500 CH-738



GET-AWAY COTTAGE Priced to sell! This well maintained three-bedroom house or cottage features new floor coverings and newly painted interior throughout. Screened porch and county paved roads. Located between Grayling and Higgins Lake in the heart of recreation. \$39,900 CS-343



3.6 WOODED ACRES CLOSE TO WAKELEY LAKE Half log siding. Ponderosa pine interior, new carpets, screen porch, garage, fireplace, storage building/bunk house. Home is spotless, immediate occupancy. \$42,500 CH-735



TALKING HOUSE 180' AuSable River Frontage. This beautiful home has approximately 180' of AuSable River frontage and 150' of road frontage, and is a 1 1/2 story with a walk-out basement. Interior has wainscoting, paneling and sheet rock, with Andersen and Acom windows. Kitchen has ceramic tile entrance, with french doors. REDUCED \$225,000 CS-287

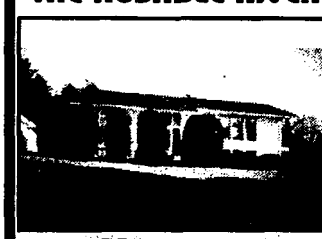


MANISTEE RIVER, HIGH BANK on bend of river, 1,678 sq. ft., basement, screen porch, quality built and remodeled, skylites, sprinkling system, satellite, brick fireplace with gas insert. Ceramic tile bath, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Three Tiered decking, landscaping, gardens, heated workshop, garage, many features. Call today! CH-736

I. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE Lake view from 8' X 24' porch with two bedrooms, one bath, 1,300 sq. foot home with garage. \$60,000. 3167 S. Portage. Phone 348-2337. (-16/1)

248 'FRONTAGE ON EAST BRANCH OF THE AUSABLE RIVER



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FOR SALE: three bedroom ranch with attached garage. Located on East Loves Drive. This home has a fireplace, an attached sun porch and two storage sheds, all on .93 acres. The list price is \$55,900. Call Mike Pung at Coldwell Banker, 517-821-8585 or 348-2835. MLS# 7-2470. (-9-16-23-30/1)

BY OWNER: five bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, large master with walk-in closet, great room/fireplace, family room, den, double lot. Recent upgrades, \$109,900. Call 344-9042. (-16/1)

PRICED REDUCED, \$39,500, two bedroom, one bath, vacant, 300 Huron St. (one block from Cornell Insurance on M-72 East), was \$44,500. 348-4055. (11/13/97tf/1)



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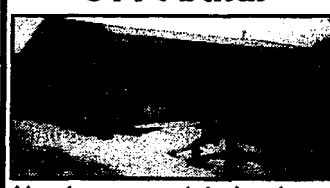
AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES Large wooded lots, a log home, association development. Park, cable, underground utilities, near AuSable River and Kneff Lake. Land contract terms by owner. Contact 517-348-7355, Grayling. (12/29/97tf/1)

JUST COMPLETED THREE BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath, two car garage, natural gas heat, two miles from Grayling, \$85,000. 333 Redwing Terrace. Call 348-2928 or 348-8945. (10/23/97tf/1)

FOUR BEDROOM HOUSE for sale by owner. 1 3/4 bath, large master bedroom, full basement, screened porch, deck, garage, in Sherwood Forest, \$76,000. Call 348-7794 or 348-5957 for appointment. (-16-23-30-7/1)

AUSABLE RIVER home on Wendy Lane. Lovely four bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Chalet, fireplace, attached 1 1/2 car garage, furnished. Beautiful setting on 10 acres with 175 ft. frontage. Owner very anxious. Reduced to \$139,000. Call Hamrick Real Estate Co. P.C. Phone or fax, 517-348-5433, evenings 348-8336. (12/18/97tf/1)

For Sale By Owner 311 Arthur



Newly remodeled, large kitchen with oak cupboards, stove, refrigerator, large living room, three bedrooms, laundry room, two car garage, close to town.

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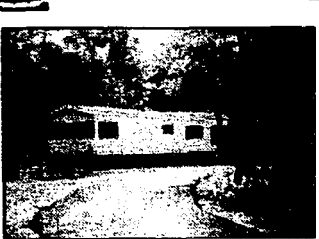
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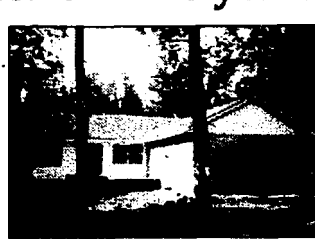
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ROOM TO ROAM Six bedroom home with two baths. 30x36 pole barn garage & a small guest house or workshop. 10 acres adjoining state land (adjoining 10 acres also available). \$127,900 (DL-34)



NEWLY-REMODELED 14x70 mobile on beautiful lot. Large kitchen with bay window. Mostly dropwall, six-inch insulated walls, track and spotlights. Internal stereo system. \$35,000 (JW/MP-67)



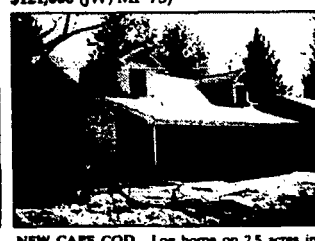
NEW CONSTRUCTION 1,500 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, garage and full basement. Quality! Located on 2 1/2 secluded acres with large trees. Must see! \$121,000 (JW/MP-73)



NICE TWO-BEDROOM home built in 1992. Full basement, 2 car attached garage, 24' round above ground pool, 7+ acres of nice hunting land. Includes stove and refrigerator. \$73,500. (TV-23)



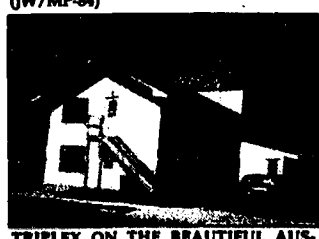
LARGE FOUR BEDROOM City home has possible 2nd floor apartment. Hardwood floors, 30x26 & 18x20 garages, half basement, energy efficient. 1,954 sq. ft. Some appliances included. \$79,900 (JW/MP-84)



NEW CAPE COD Log home on 25 acres in "Hamrick's Hidden Ridge". 2,256 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, sunroom, master bath with whirlpool tub, Hunt windows, Delta faucets, 24x24 attached garage, call for all the extra. This home is truly a northern dream! \$164,000 (JW/MP-86)



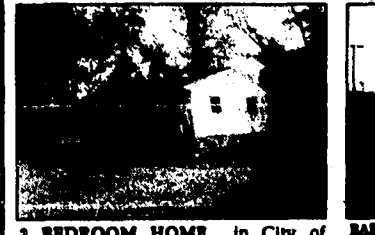
GREAT STARTER HOME - This 2 bedroom, 948 sq. ft. home had new carpet, linoleum and paint in 1995 and roof is three years old. Large utility room and laundry with a 20x22 garage. All this sits on 3 large lots in Rosecrans on the outskirts. \$68,000 (DL-36)



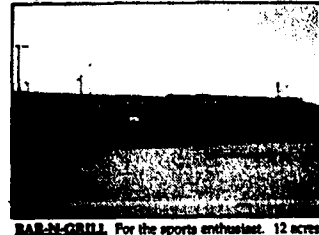
TRIPLEX ON THE BEAUTIFUL AUSABLE RIVER All 3 units have a living room-kitchen combinations, bedroom & bath, stove & refrigerator. \$99,000 (MC-336)



THIS NEWLY RENOVATED historic school house is a must see! 1800 sq. ft., 3 bedroom home offers a lot of characteristics with quality craftsmanship. \$99,500 (KJ/LJ-55)



3 BEDROOM HOME in City of Grayling. 2 solar panels to help with heat expense. New linoleum in bathroom and utility room. Good location to schools, shopping and hospitals. \$48,000 (MC-537)



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ATTENTION SPORTSMEN - This 1,295 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 1 bath home sits on 3 large wooded lots close to Bear Lake, snowmobile trails and great hunting. Must see to appreciate. \$55,000 (DM-57)

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY-OWNER Mobile home, three bedroom with addition, 1.8 acres, 180' X 475'. Excellent business area, four lane highway, two miles from town, M-72 West, Grayling. (517) 348-4981. (4/16/1)

HUNTING CAMP 10-80 acres w/cabins, can divide. Surrounded by state land. \$14,000-\$112,000. N. Grayling, MI. Financing possible. 616-947-1990. (11/20/97t/1)

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE Must be moved. \$3,500 or trade. 517-348-8959. (3/5/98t/1)

2. For Rent

KITCHENETTE FOR RENT WEEKLY Western Trails Motel. 517-348-7681. (-9-16-23-30/2)

8106 INSLEY, near Lake Margrethe, two bedroom with att. garage, \$450 monthly, sec. dep. No pets. Call Craig Hinkle, 348-7440 for application. (2/12/98t/2)

CABIN FOR RENT on the river. Nightly or weekly. 517-348-8350. (9/9/97t/2)

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FOR RENT 806 Elm Street. Two bedroom house in Grayling. 2 1/2 car garage and appliances, \$450 a month plus security deposit and utilities. No pets. 348-4716. (-9-16/2)

ONE BEDROOM apartment sized house in Grayling. Very clean, \$350 a month. First and last months rent, credit check. 517-939-8965, evenings and weekends or 517-732-2353, weekdays. (-16-23/2)

NICE, LIKE NEW, three bedroom home, eight years old, full basement, garage, low utilities, non-smoking. \$595, rental and employment references, 142 Wilcox Bridge. 348-2178. (4/2/98t/2)

TWO BEDROOM, newly remodeled, in city, \$395 plus utilities, w/ref. No pets. 348-4006. (-9-16/2)

THREE BEDROOM, two bath, new home at Lake Margrethe. Non-smoking only. No pets. \$600 per month plus utilities, references and security deposits. 348-8627. (4/9/98t/2)

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3. Employment

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS at Hanson Hills. \$7.00/hour, 30 hours. Call 348-9266. (-9-16/3)

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HOSPICE - RN. We're looking for full-time, part-time and contingent RNs to join our growing and licensed Hospice Team. In this position, one or more years of professional nursing experience is required. Med/Surg or ICU skills desirable. Hospice or Homecare experience preferred. Must have well-developed assessment skills and enjoy to work independently. On-call responsibilities. Excellent wages and mileage reimbursement. Contact Kim McComber, Clinical Coordinator.

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HOMECARE - Full-Time RN - Grayling Area. One or more years of professional nursing experience required. Med/Surg or ICU experience desirable. Must have well-developed assessment skills and ability to work independently. Excellent wages and mileage reimbursement. On-call responsibilities. Contact Maureen Hayes, Homecare Clinical Manager.

HOMECARE - Extended Hours (Private Duty) Home Health Aide needed in the Grayling/Houghton Lake areas with variable hours, flexible scheduling. Minimum of six months home health or certified nurse aide experience required. Reliable/accountable applicants only please. Competitive wage and mileage reimbursement. Contact Deborah Tyler, Clinical Coordinator.

HOMECARE - Registered Home Health Aides needed to perform procedures and treatments according to physician's direction and monitoring patient response to give care. The successful candidate will have high school diploma or GED and certification from training program including classroom and supervised practical training as required by federal law and/or state laws. Six months experience as a Home Health Aide or Nurse Aide required. Contact Deborah Tyler, Clinical Coordinator.

HOMECARE - Full-time Clinical Coordinator. Person will be responsible for the non-regulated care of business. Includes development of care plans for clients, evaluating needs and resources for individuals/families, and supervision of direct care staff including regulated and non-regulated home health aides providing these services. Successful candidate must possess a current RN license from State Board, BSN preferred. One or more years of med/surg, rehab, or ICU experience desirable. Excellent interpersonal skills and experience in the community health nursing environment. Please contact: Jan Bersted, Vice President.

HOMECARE - Team Leader for Homecare. Houghton Lake Office. Position responsibilities include coordinating and managing the daily workload of direct care staff, orienting of staff to field operations, assisting with coordination of services and utilization of community resources in client care and assuring that all admission paperwork, certifications, change orders, and discharges are written, approved and submitted on a timely basis. The successful candidate will have current license in nursing with at least one year of professional nursing experience, community health nursing preferred. Must possess interpersonal skills sufficient to interact effectively with clients and their families, as well as interdisciplinary caregivers, peers, subordinates, and supervisors. Competitive wages and benefit package offered. Contact Maureen Hayes, Homecare Clinical Manager.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSON LISTED IN INDIVIDUAL AD: 1-800-424-1457/517-348-4383

OR

PLEASE FAX RESUME TO 517-348-3234 OR MAIL TO PERSON LISTED IN INDIVIDUAL AD: 125 MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

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4. For Rent

CLOSE TO TOWN small cabin. \$290 per month plus security and cleaning fee, utilities included. 348-5124. (-16/2)

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5. Employment

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6. Employment

WANTED SUPERVISOR/OPERATOR in Grayling - Gaylord area. Duties include: loading and scheduling trucks. Transportation provided, loader experience helpful, health insurance, 401K, cafeteria plan and vacation. Send letter or resume with work history to: Michigan Wood Carriers, P.O. Box 678, Alpena, MI 49707. E.O.E. (-9-16/3)

HELP WANTED Will train people to learn how to set up and operate semi-production machines in Grayling area. Must have high school diploma, be self motivated, eager to learn, above average. Will be tested. Starting pay \$10 per hour, full benefits start after 30 days on the job. Send resume to: North Star, 5688 M-72 West, Grayling, MI 49738. No phone calls please. (-9-16/3)

7. Employment

KARP'S CUSTOM CABINETS is looking for a saw man and laminator to work at the cabinet shop in Waters. Call 348-9300 or 732-7676 for interview. (-9-16/3)

CAMP GRAYLING P.E. is now taking applications for temporary summer positions. Cashiers, warehouse and stock persons. Please call for further information. Vivian Tremble at 517-348-4781. (-16-23/3)

RE/MAX OF GRAYLING is looking for a highly motivated secretary to work full time, to cover for a maternity leave. Looking for a team player to be part of a professional organization. Real Estate background preferred but not necessary. Contact Craig Hinkle at RE/MAX of Grayling for more details at (527) 348-7440 or 1-800-731-4002. (4/16/98t/3)

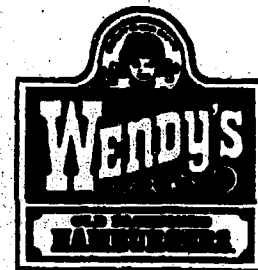
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MOVING SALE April 17-18, 9:30 a.m. misc. 205 I-75 Business Loop N., Grayling. 517-348-2913. (-16/10)

CUPS AND CONES NOW OPEN Featuring Mooney Premium Ice Cream, broasted chicken, smoked BBQ ribs. Hot and ready to go! Daily specials. Open seven day a week. M-72 west, Grayling. 348-3171. (-16/10)

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11. Automotive

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FOR SALE: 1987 Chevy Blazer. Good condition. For more info call 348-9384 after 5 p.m. (-9-16/11)

1986 T-BIRD \$2,000 or best offer. Call after 5 p.m., 348-1998, ask for Tony. (-16-23/11)

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1989 PLYMOUTH ACCLAIM four door, 105,000 miles, runs and looks good. 348-4031. (-16-23/11)

1980 JEEP CJ-7 hardtop. 348-4031. (-16-23/11)

FOR SALE 1994 Ford Explorer XLT 4 X 4, auto, air power locks, power mirror, power windows. \$14,400. (517) 348-5143 after 5 p.m. (-16-23/11)

FOR SALE 1995 F250, 4X4, 351 auto, stereo cassette, bed liner, \$14,500. (517) 348-5143 after 5 p.m. (-16-23/11)

7. Miscellaneous

SPRING CAR CARE NEEDS? Stop by newly remodeled Diane's Car Wash, where you'll find drive-thru service. All new equipment in the self-serve, interior cleaning machine and fragrance sprayer. Located corner of M-72 West and Norway, Grayling. (-9-16-23/7)

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WATCH! In Search Of The Lord's Way on T.V. 29&8 at 9 a.m. each Sunday. Supported by The Grayling Church of Christ. Old 27 South. (LR4-23-98/8)

8. Announcements

FREE CASH GRANTS! College. Scholarships. Business. Medical bills. Never repay. Toll free 1-800-218-9000 ext. G-8887. (-16-23-30-7/8)

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Starring - Jennifer Aniston
Alan Alda
• Nightly 7 & 9:30
• Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4:30

My Giant - PG (104)
Starring - Billy Crystal
• Nightly 7:30 & 9:30
• Sat. & Sun. 2:30 & 4:40

City of Angels - PG-13 (116)
Starring - Meg Ryan / Nicolas Cage
Nightly 7 & 9 • Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4

Titanic - PG-13 (197)
Starring - Leonardo DiCaprio
Kate Winslet
Nightly 7:30 • Sat. & Sun. 2:30

The Odd Couple II: Travlin Light - PG-13 (97)
Starring - Jack Lemmon
Walter Matthau
Nightly 7 & 9 • Sat. & Sun. 2 & 4

Gaylord Cinema Downtown

Lost in Space - PG-13 (180)
Starring - William Hurt/Gary Oldman
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• Sun. 2, 4:15 & 7 • Mon. - Thurs. 7

Species - R (93)
Starring - Neve Campbell
Michael Madson
• Fri. 7 & 9 • Sat. 2, 4, 7, 9
• Sun. 2, 4 & 7 • Mon. - Thurs. 7

Mercury Rising - R (111)
Starring - Bruce Willis
Alec Baldwin
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• Sun. 2, 4 & 7 • Mon. - Thurs. 7

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11. Automotive

CHEVY CAPRICE '91 Was a police car, 350 motor, fully loaded, Reese hitch, beautiful car, \$3,500. (517) 348-4220. (-16/11)

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FOR SALE: 1986 Honda Rebel. 5,000 miles, black, windshield. \$1,400. 348-6163. (-9-16/11)

11. Automotive

1992 PONTIAC GRAND AM SE two door, power locks, new tires, exhaust, brakes, AM/FM CD Kenwood stereo. Asking \$5,000. Call 348-1456. (-9-16/11)

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Nice Starter Home, or rental investment. Home features two bedrooms, one bath, Michigan basement and comes with stove and refrigerator. Newer Siding, windows, well and septic. #4176 \$37,500 Ask for Jim Wiltse!

Snowmobilers Delight Comes Furnished. Nice neat cabin backs up to state land. Comes with all furnishings, and is ready to move in and use. New 3/4 bathroom. Close to restaurants, store, gas station and trails! #4040 \$17,900 Ask for Connie Winans

Enjoy Lake Margrethe from this three bedroom salt box home on a large corner lot. Featuring deeded canal access to Lake Margrethe, new roof in 1996, new utility room in 1994 and 16x22 storage shed. #4227 \$147,500 Ask for Jim Wiltse!

Clean 3 bedroom cottage is located on 3 acres of land with over 300 feet of frontage on the Ausable River. Snowmobile trails & State Land are very close by & easily accessed. #4221 \$45,000 Ask for Connie Winans!

On the Banks of the Manistee River Fantastic view from this spacious 2,000 sq. foot home w/3 bedrooms, den, 2 baths, hot tub, fireplace, living & family room. Offering extras & quality throughout. #4056 \$137,500 Ask for Connie Winans!

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